

3 UNITS 21, 23 AND 24 Complete the text with the phrases from the box.

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Palaeontologists in New Mexico (1) the remains of at least one dinosaur from the late Jurassic period. The scientists (2) in an unexplored part of the Morrison Formation – a vast fossil bed – for the last eight months. Last week one of the group (3) a section of rock which (4) a number of bones from one, or possibly more, large herbivorous dinosaurs. Since then, the group (5) to release the bones from the rock and piece them together. According to Bryce Larson, the group's leader, the bones are from a large brachiosaurus. These animals (6) approximately 150 million years ago. Other brachiosaurus remains (7) in the Morrison, but these latest bones may prove to come from the largest dinosaur anyone (8) to date. For a long time the Morrison Formation (9) one of the most productive fossil beds in the world. Since the first bones (10) there in 1877, it (11) tonnes of material. This, more than any other fossil bed, (12) us an insight into the late Jurassic period in North America.

4 ALL UNITS Complete the article by writing the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

Treasure Island

TREASURE ISLAND is one of the best known and most loved children's adventure stories. Published in 1883, it remains popular to this day. Recent research (1) (uncover) the true origin of this thrilling tale of pirates and hidden treasure.

Treasure Island's author, Robert Louis Stevenson, was a Scotsman born in Edinburgh in 1850. Although he (2) (not stay) in Scotland, in 1881 he returned to the land of his birth for a holiday. With him was his American wife Fanny, whom he (3) (meet) five years earlier in France, and his stepchildren from Fanny's first marriage.

The family soon settled into a relaxing routine. Each morning Stevenson (4) (get up) early and take them out for long walks over the hills. They (5) (enjoy) this for several days when the weather suddenly took a turn for the worse. Trapped indoors, Robert's stepson started painting a beautiful coloured map of a tropical

island, with a large cross in the middle of the island.

'It means "Here (6) (lie) the buried treasure", ' he told his stepfather. This was the beginning of one of the greatest adventure stories that (7) (ever be) written. While the rain (8) (beat) down on the roof of his rented holiday cottage, Stevenson sat down by the fire to write.

The story (9) (have got) everything necessary for a successful children's book: treasure, wild adventures at sea, a young protagonist, and a memorable villain. The story (10) (always stimulate) children's imaginations and (11) (still do) so today. Over the years film-makers across the world (12) (adapt) the novel for the cinema and TV. There (13) (be) sixteen film versions of the book, and recent rumours suggest that a famous Oscar-winning director (14) (work) on a new version, using the latest 3D technology.