

Open Forum 1

Web Site Worksheet

Chapter 3

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1. Preparing to Listen

You are going to listen to an interview about an important discovery by a scientist. Before you listen, think about the following questions.

Do you know the names of any rare animals?

Can you name any animals that are extinct?

2. Listening for Main Ideas

Read the following statements. Listen to the presentation. Number the statements in the order that they are presented.

_____ Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer discovered a strange fish.

_____ Scientists thought the coelacanth was extinct.

_____ There are organizations that help protect the coelacanth.

_____ A couple found another coelacanth in a fish market.

3. Listening for More Details

Read questions 1–10. Listen to the interview again. Choose the correct answer for each question.

- Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer was _____.
 - a biologist from New Haven, Connecticut
 - a museum curator
- Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer found a strange fish in _____.
 - South Africa
 - London, England
- What color was the fish that Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer found?
 - blue
 - silver
- How big was the fish that Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer found?
 - about 5 inches long
 - about 5 feet long
- What is *ichthyology*?
 - the study of dinosaurs
 - the study of fish
- Who decided that the strange fish was definitely a coelacanth?
 - Dr. Smith
 - Marjorie Courtney-Latimer
- Why was this discovery so amazing?
 - Scientists thought the coelacanth had been dead for millions of years.
 - Scientists thought the coelacanth was a dinosaur.
- How is the coelacanth different from other fish?
 - It is bigger than most fish.
 - It has a strange, jelly-filled organ and a very small brain.
- Professor Smith offered _____.
 - to pay anyone who caught a coelacanth
 - to protect the coelacanth from fishermen
- In 1998, a young American couple _____.
 - found a coelacanth in Indonesia
 - swam with a coelacanth off the coast of Africa