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Read the text below. For each gap (tasks 1–15) choose the most suitable word or expression using one of the three alternatives A, B or C, and tick the correct box.

Who killed the dinosaurs?

The (1) _____ popular theory of why the dinosaurs died is that an asteroid (2) _____ the Earth. The impact from this threw up a huge cloud of dust (3) _____ blocked out the sun. This caused the plants (4) _____ Earth to die. The plant-eating dinosaurs soon starved to death because they had (5) _____ to eat. The meat-eating dinosaurs needed the plant-eating ones to survive. Another theory is that climate change killed the dinosaurs. Scientists believe that the Earth became (6) _____ towards the end of the dinosaur period and that cold-blooded dinosaurs found it difficult to adapt. Alternatively, the earth may have become warmer, causing the ice caps to melt. (7) _____ the dinosaurs have drowned?

Other people believe that (8) _____ a huge volcano had erupted, it might have blocked out the sun with its ash cloud. This might have killed the dinosaurs that needed sunlight to live.

Some people even claim that dinosaurs – the largest creatures ever (9) _____ – were killed by something as small (10) _____ an insect. Could a killer disease carried by insects have infected the dinosaurs and killed them (11) _____?

Scientists, like detectives, (12) _____ facts and clues to solve a mystery. In rock samples of around the time dinosaurs disappeared, large amounts of iridium can be found. Iridium isn't normally found on Earth, (13) _____ it is found on Asteroids. Also, there is a large crater hole (14) _____ Mexico which was formed around this time. It's (15) _____ a mystery, but scientists are guessing in the right direction.

1. A) greatest
2. A) hits
3. A) who
4. A) in
5. A) nothing
6. A) cold
7. A) Could
8. A) when
9. A) knew
10. A) as
11. A) every
12. A) have to
13. A) because
14. A) in
15. A) yet

- B) most
- B) hit
- B) where
- B) at
- B) not anything
- B) colder
- B) Must
- B) as
- B) knowing
- B) so
- B) all
- B) must
- B) but
- B) from
- B) still

- C) more
- C) has hit
- C) which
- C) on
- C) everything
- C) the coldest
- C) Can't
- C) if
- C) known
- C) like
- C) each
- C) need
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- C) of
- C) since