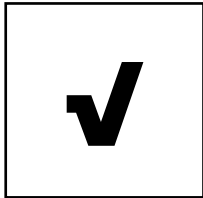


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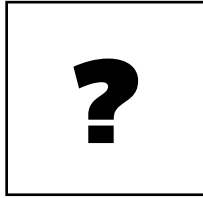
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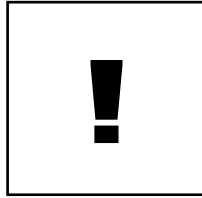
Read the text *The Great Discovery*. As you are reading, monitor your comprehension by adding the following symbols to the text.



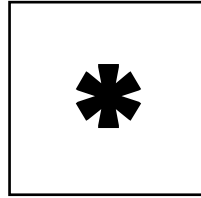
I understand this part of the text.



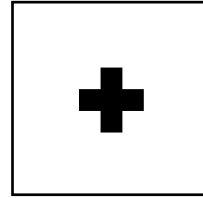
I am confused by this part of the text.



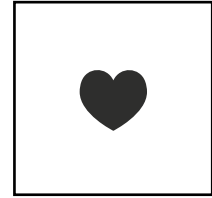
I am surprised by this part of the text.



I think this is an important part of the text.



I learned something new from this part of the text.



I really enjoyed this part of the text.

The Great Discovery

Professor Paleo sighed deeply as he wiped his plump, sweaty hands on his beige Safari suit. He was exhausted. The hot, blazing sun was relentless. The gentle pattering of rain had not been heard in this unforgiving landscape for many years now. That being said, he had known that life as a palaeontologist was not going to be easy. He was not going to give up now.

The professor's pet eagle, Christopher, sat loyally in his normal position on Professor Paleo's wide-brimmed hat. He watched his master dusting away layers upon layers of sand. His dedication to the cause was unwavering... and unusual. How could he keep digging hour after hour, day after day? Why did he persist in searching for something that obviously didn't exist? Why wouldn't he give up, jump on a plane, go home?

The professor kindly passed Christopher a worm from the pocket of his shorts. How he loved his master! "It might be time to call it a day, Christopher," Professor Paleo mumbled to his feathered friend. "We'll come back at first light."

As the professor started gathering his brushes and trowels, he felt something hard and cool just beneath the sand. Suddenly, the excited professor jumped. His spectacles started sliding off the end of his nose. His moustache twitched with anticipation. "Oh my, what have we here?" he whispered, bending down again for a closer look. "Could it be, Christopher?" he murmured. "Could it really exist?"

Slowly, gently, Professor Paleo pulled the ancient dinosaur fossil out of the hot, barren earth. It was fragile and brittle – but perfectly intact.

Finally, at long last, Professor Paleo had found his treasure.

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On the lines below, explain why you used each symbol when reading the text.

