

Museum of Natural Science Info-Hunt – Primary Level

Go to the fossil section of the museum.

Group 1
Start here

1. Look for the giant reptile fossil high on the wall. What is it called?
_____ (over the 4 windows in the fossil area) **mosasaur**

2. Look for the large fish fossil that looks like it is eating a butterfly. What is really happening here? (big window) **one fish is eating another fish**



Group 2
Start here

3. Find the shark fossil with its mouth open high on the wall. What do we think this fish ate? (back wall of fossil area) **whales, turtles, porpoise, dolphins**



Group 3
Start here

4. Write the name of the largest dinosaur in the museum. Explain why you chose this dinosaur. (in the large case in the middle of the museum) **Allosaurus** – taller, longer

Write the name of the smallest dinosaur in the museum. Explain why you chose this dinosaur. **Bambiraptor** – shorter than all other dinos



Go to the shell section of the museum.

Group 4
Start here

5. What is the name of the Texas state shell? (case in front of museum, picture over store) **lightning whelk**

6. Name & draw a shell from the Texas Coast collection. Draw a smiling face next to it if you have seen this shell before. (window cases nearest front door) no right answer



Go to the Wildlife section of the museum.

Group
5
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here

7. Name two birds that you would see at the beach. (4 windows near Planetarium door)

1. terns

2. gulls

8. Locate the large forest scene. Name a mammal, a reptile, and a bird in this display.
(large window in wildlife area, under the birds)

Mammal: **deer, wolf, squirrel, bobcat, raccoon, fox**

Reptile: **alligator, snake, turtle**

Bird: **turkey, duck, owl** (most recognizable)



Go to the Rock & Mineral collection.

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here

9. Find and write the name of a: (rock area; any answer that makes sense)

Crystal

Green rock

Purple rock

Blue rock



Go to the Hall of Archaeology. (any case in the hall, the first two on the right are the best)

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here

10. Find and write the name of an object you would use to: (not limited to those below)

1. Eat: fork, spoon, plate, cup

2. play: doll, marbles, flute

3. hunt: arrow points, knife, darts

4. work: tools



Go to number 1