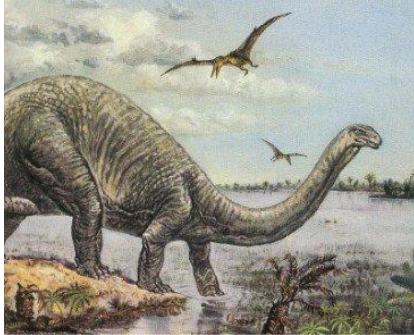


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1	investigated	noticed	discovered	determined
2	suitable	fit	correct	truthful
3	destruction	loss	death	extinction
4	sensitive	logical	likely	sane
5	diameter	radius	angle	distance
6	permitted	banned	averted	prevented
7	denied	accepted	understood	regretted
8	activated	triggered	halted	generated
9	clues	signals	marks	evidence
10	revealed	uncovered	brought	advised
11	competent	talented	capable	proficient
12	view	method	vision	sight
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