

Lesson 26: Mega Mammals

Because / But / So

Complete each sentence using the connector word shown.

Many megafauna went extinct at the end of the last Ice Age **because**

Many megafauna went extinct at the end of the last Ice Age, **but**

Many megafauna went extinct at the end of the last Ice Age, **so**

Subordinating Conjunctions

Complete each sentence using the conjunction shown.

South America was isolated from other continents for millions of years **because**

_____.

Although _____, they disappeared relatively quickly at the end of the Pleistocene.

Since _____, no land animals as large as woolly mammoths or giant ground sloths have existed on Earth.

Think and Write

1. Scientists debate whether climate change or human hunting caused the megafauna extinctions. Using evidence from the reading, describe both arguments and explain which you find more convincing.