

Lesson 24: Rise of Mammals

Because / But / So

Complete each sentence using the connector word shown.

Birds are the only living descendants of the dinosaurs **because**

Birds are the only living descendants of the dinosaurs, **but**

Birds are the only living descendants of the dinosaurs, **so**

Appositives

Fill in the blank with an appositive that describes the noun.

Archaeopteryx, _____, had feathers like a bird but claws and teeth like a dinosaur.

Crocodylians, _____, are among the most successful survivors of the K-Pg extinction.

Theropods, _____, were the group of dinosaurs from which modern birds evolved.

Think and Write

1. What specific evidence proves that birds really are living dinosaurs? List at least three pieces of evidence from the reading and explain each one.