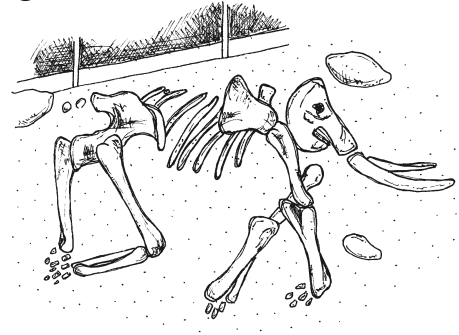


Review Key Words¹

- site** A site is the place or location of something.
- sinkhole** A sinkhole is an opening in the ground. A sinkhole is often deep and filled with water.
- museum** A museum is a place that has beautiful, interesting, or unusual things to look at.
- fossils** Fossils are what is left of plants and animals that have been dead a very long time.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

6 The **sinkhole** was about 60 feet
 13 deep. It was filled with warm water
 18 and plants. Large animals walked
 25 into the sinkhole to eat and drink.
 32 The animals could not get out, so
 38 they died there. The sinkhole filled
 45 with mud and dried up. The animals
 51 stayed buried for about 26,000 years.
 56 In 1974, some workers **uncovered**
 62 the animals. Scientists came to the
 68 **site** to study them. The scientists
 73 learned many things about the
 74 animals.
 80 What kind of animals were they?
 They were **ice-age** animals. Many of

87 them were mammoths. Mammoths
 91 were huge **mammals**. They looked a
 97 little bit like elephants. They had big
 104 trunks and long **tusks**. But
 109 mammoths **died out** thousands of
 114 years ago.
 116 The site where people found the
 122 mammoths is now part of a **museum**.
 129 Many people visit the Mammoth Site
 135 each year. They come to see the
 142 **fossils** of these **extinct** animals. This
 148 museum is in Hot Springs, South
 154 Dakota.
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Mammoth Site

Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Many people visit the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs, South Dakota.
 - b. Ice-age animals called mammoths died in a sinkhole that is now part of a museum.
 - c. Animals that went to a sinkhole could not get out, so they died there.
2. For about how long did the animals stay buried?
 - a. 1,974 years
 - b. 60 years
 - c. 26,000 years
3. What does the word **extinct** mean in this story?
 - a. long tusks
 - b. uncovered
 - c. died out
4. Why did mammoths go to the sinkhole?
 - a. to get stuck in the mud
 - b. to drink water and eat plants
 - c. to see if elephants were there
5. How are elephants of today like the mammoths of long ago?

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Retell the Story

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