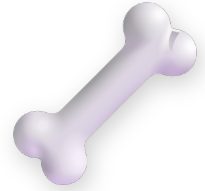


Read the story carefully. Then answer each question in a full sentence.

Leo's Triceratops Discovery

Leo was carefully walking along the dry creek bed. His eyes scanned the dusty ground for anything interesting. He loved exploring here, pretending he was a brave explorer in a wild land. The sun was warm on his back.



Suddenly, a strange shape caught his eye. It was half-buried in the dirt, a curvy, bumpy rock. He brushed away the loose sand with his hand. "Wow!" he whispered, his heart thumping. It looked like part of a giant tooth!

Leo knew a lot about dinosaurs. He imagined a huge Triceratops, with its three strong horns, stomping right where he stood. Triceratops were plant-eaters and used their horns to protect themselves. He could almost hear its heavy footsteps in his mind.



This wasn't just any rock; it was a fossil! He carefully picked it up, feeling its ancient weight. He couldn't wait to show his Grandpa, who always said the world held amazing secrets. What other treasures were hidden in the creek?



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who is the main character in the story, and where is he exploring?



(2) What surprising thing did Leo discover in the dirt?

(3) What does the word "ancient" mean when Leo feels the "ancient weight" of the fossil?

(4) How did Leo feel when he found the fossil, and what in the story shows this?

(5) What lesson does Leo's adventure share about exploring and discovery?

