



2. TASK IDENTIFIER

TITLE	Dippy the dinosaur
NUMBER OF WORDS	345
READING BEHAVIOUR	Quick selective reading
GENERAL FOCUS	Reading for specific information and important details
CEFR LEVEL	B1
TEST METHOD	Short Answer Questions
NUMBER OF ITEMS	9



Dippy the dinosaur

Read the text about a famous dinosaur, then answer the questions (1-9) using a maximum of 4 words.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

The first one (0) has been done for you.

Dippy the dinosaur to be 'flat packed' as he waves goodbye to the Natural History Museum in preparation for UK tour

The famous Dippy the Diplodocus has spent the past 112 years of his life in The Natural History Museum, and welcomed visitors into his home from the entrance hall since 1979.

If you have ever visited the museum in Kensington, you will not have been able to escape his grandeur.

Standing at an impressive 21.3 metres long, 4.25 metres high, and 4.3 metres wide, he was a favourite of many visitors to the museum.

Fossilised bones of a Diplodocus were unearthed in America in 1898, a replica was then built out of plaster, creating Dippy.

He is one of 10 replicas in the world including those in Paris and Moscow.

Dippy is a Diplodocus, a species which lived around 150 million years ago and belongs to a group called sauropods, which means "lizard feet".

However, Dippy has now left Hintze Hall to prepare for his tour across the country.

"We wanted Dippy to visit unusual locations so he can draw in people who may not traditionally visit a museum" said museum director, Sir Michael Dixon.

"Making iconic items accessible to as many people as possible is at the heart of what museums give to the nation, so we have ensured that Dippy will still be free to view at all tour venues."

He adds that the project is all about "encouraging children from across the country to develop a passion for science and nature."

On his 2018 tour, the plaster cast model, which is made up of 292 bones, will visit eight venues across Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and all five regions of England.

What does the dismantling process consist of?

The process to prepare Dippy for his tour started many years ago, and takes place after hours, when the doors of the museum were closed to the public.

Twice a year for the past 112 years, Dippy has been polished to perfection to ensure that he is always looking in tip-top condition for visitors.

A special vacuum is used to remove the dust and Dippy is then polished with conservation-grade brushes with natural fibres.



0	Where has Dippy the Diplocodus been on display?	<i>The Natural History Museum</i>
Q1	What is the length of the dinosaur?	
Q2	When were the original Diplodocus remains found?	
Q3	What cities have copies of the dinosaur? (Give <u>two</u> answers)	a. b.
Q4	What is the meaning of "sauropods"?	
Q5	What does Sir Dixton do?	
Q6	How much will it cost to see Dippy?	
Q7	What might children become interested in thanks to Dippy's tour?	
Q8	When did Dippy's preparation for the tour begin?	
Q9	How often has Dippy been cleaned every year?	