

Words in Context

Q1 Anthropologist Kristian J. Carlson and colleagues examined the fossilized clavicle and shoulder bones of a 3.6-million-year-old early hominin known as “Little Foot.” They found that these bones were _____ the clavicle and shoulder bones of modern apes that are frequent climbers, such as gorillas and chimpanzees, suggesting that Little Foot had adapted to life in the trees.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

Choose 1 answer:

- a) surpassed by
- b) comparable to
- c) independent of
- d) obtained from

Q2 The following text is from Yann Martel’s 2001 novel *Life of Pi*. The narrator’s family owned a zoo when he was a child.

It was a huge zoo, spread over numberless acres, big enough to require a train to explore it, though it seemed to get smaller as I grew older, train included.

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As used in the text, what does the word “spread” most nearly mean?

Choose 1 answer:

- a) Extended
- b) Coated
- c) Discussed
- d) Hidden

Q3 In the late 19th century, the movement known as Aestheticism advocated for a strict _____ artistic and functional objects, promoting instead the idea that art should serve no other purpose than to be beautiful.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

Choose 1 answer:

- a) division between
- b) integration of
- c) manipulation of
- d) correspondence with

Q4 Artificially delivering biomolecules to plant cells is an important component of protecting plants from pathogens, but it is difficult to transmit biomolecules through the layers of the plant cell wall. Markita del Carpio Landry and her colleagues have shown that it may be possible to _____ this problem by transmitting molecules through carbon nanotubes, which can cross cell walls.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word or phrase?

Choose 1 answer:

- a) conceptualize
- b) neglect
- c) illustrate
- d) overcome