Vocabulary Practice

Expert extinct fossil predator species

A. Directions: Write the word from the box that correctly completes each sentence.

1. The raccoon is a ___________ because it captures and eats fish.

2. Dr. Bailey, a medical examiner, gives ___________ advice on DNA at court hearings.

3. Human beings are classified scientifically as being in the ___________
   Homo sapiens.

4. The dodo is a(n) ___________ bird that, some scientists claim, was eliminated from the Earth by a natural disaster.

5. A ___________ is made up of the remains of an animal or plant that lived many, many years ago.

B. Directions: For each word in the first column, find the phrase in the second column that is closest in meaning. Write the letter of that phrase in the blank.

   6. expert  
   7. species  
   8. fossil  
   9. predator  
   10. extinct  

   a. a living thing’s remains preserved in rock or soil  
   b. a knowledgeable person  
   c. an animal that feeds on other animals  
   d. no longer existing  
   e. a variety or type of something

C. Writing Option: Imagine you have found a fossil near your home. Write a brief paragraph describing it. Where did you find it? What do you plan to do with it? Use at least two words from the box.