

Grammar

HINT

NUMBER or AMOUNT?

Use *number* when the noun you're referring to is countable (sisters, muffins, days until your b-day). Use *amount* for something that cannot be counted (laughter, air, pride).

GOES PREHISTORIC

The true stars of the hit movie *Jurassic World* are the (totally terrifying) dinosaurs. Learn more about these creatures while mastering **NUMBER** and **AMOUNT**.

DIRECTIONS: Read the text in the blue boxes below. Circle the correct word in each **number/amount** pair.

Fascinating Creatures

It's not surprising that this summer, the epic dinosaur movie *Jurassic World* (pictured here) broke box-office records and made a huge **number/amount** of money. We have always been fascinated by dinosaurs and other long-extinct creatures. Today, the **number/amount** of fossil finds is growing rapidly. In fact, a new type of dino is identified about every two weeks. Paleontologists (scientists who study prehistoric plants and animals) say that each discovery—each speck of fossilized skin or dinosaur egg—helps create a more vivid picture of what Earth was once like.

The Real Jurassic World

Imagine you've traveled 150 million years into the past to the Jurassic period. You sweat in the hot, humid air, but you don't care. You're too busy being awed by the vast **number/amount** of plant and animal life all around you. You take in the lush, green jungle, the steady hum of buzzing insects, and the great **number/amount** of dinosaurs. A giant *brachiosaurus* munches on the treetops as a sharp-toothed *allosaurus* roams the ground below. Time to go: That hungry *allosaurus* has its eyes on you.

Ten. That's the **number of years it took to make Jurassic World.** (We wonder how many were spent just on this guy?)

Sorry, shark. No amount of effort is going to save you!

Flesh-Eating Lizard

The fearsome reptile in this image from *Jurassic World* is a *mosasaur*. Seventy-five million years ago, *mosasaurs* ruled the ocean, devouring anything they wanted—even each other. Experts say the movie got a **number/amount** of things wrong about the *mosasaur*—particularly its size. The *mosasaur* in the movie is twice the size of a real one. Those chompers, however, are an accurate representation of its teeth. Imagine the **number/amount** of time it would take to brush those things . . .