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16 vertebrates. That means they have a backbone.
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42 use their surroundings to help. They might bask in
54 the sun to get warm or hide in the shade to cool
55 down.
- 65 Reptiles do not have feathers or fur. Their skin is
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82 able to shed their skin as they grow.
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Questions



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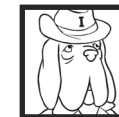
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3. What is the final fact that we learn in this text?

The final fact that we learn in this text is that dinosaurs were reptiles.



4. Why do you think photographs have been used in this text?

Pupil's own responses, such as: I think photographs have been used in this text because it is an information text and the photographs let the reader see what some reptiles actually looks like.