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## News Report

### Missing mammal link found

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Scientists say they've found a new species that **sheds light on** the rapid evolution of **mammals** after the **extinction** of the dinosaurs.

The creature, named *Kimbetopsalis* after an area of New Mexico, lived about 65 million years ago, and looked similar to a beaver.

#### Vocabulary

##### **sheds light on**

helps explain (something that was difficult to understand before)

##### **mammals**

animals which give birth to live babies, not eggs, which feed on milk from their mothers' bodies

##### **extinction**

an event during which all animals of one species die

#### Choose the correct summary of this story

- a) A species of mammal has been found which helps explain how dinosaurs died out.
- b) A species of mammal has been found which helps explain how mammals changed fast after dinosaurs died out.
- c) A species of animal has been found which explains evolution.

**Answer**

- b) A species of mammal has been found which helps explain how mammals changed fast after dinosaurs died out.

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