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Identify the nonrestrictive appositive in each sentence and add the missing comma(s) around it.

1. We're learning about paleontology the study of prehistoric life.
2. Places like Mineral Wells a fossil park in Texas let you collect fossils.
3. Cyanobacteria a kind of photosynthesizing bacteria are the oldest fossils.
4. The oldest plant fossils red algae date back 1.6 billion years.



Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

9. Some think that dragons mythological animals were inspired by fossils.
10. Sauropods the largest prehistoric animals were smaller than blue whales.
11. Does the museum have a fossilized *Archaeopteryx* a birdlike dinosaur?
12. Sue the most complete adult *T. rex* was found in South Dakota.
13. Partial fossils of trilobites many-jointed sea creatures are cheap.
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ANSWER KEY

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