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1. What words or phrases from the article help the reader understand the meaning of the term *transitional fossil*?

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2. According to paragraph 4, why are *Australopithecus sediba* bones so important?

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3. What piece of evidence most strongly supports the author's claim, "In the field of human origins, that's huge," in paragraph 6.

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4. Choose the sentence that best describes why these findings are transitional fossils.

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5. What reason(s) does the author give for why Berger and his colleagues assigned these fossils to the genus *Australopithecus* instead of the genus *Homo*?

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6. According to White, scientifically why are Berger's conclusions risky?

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7. In what context is Kimbel using the word "calendar" in paragraph 14?

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8. In paragraph 16, why does the author point out that the other bones have been found at the site?

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9. Based on the text, why does the author say this fossil find is *contentious* (paragraph 7)?

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10. Why did the author begin the article by talking about "Evolution skeptics?"

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