

Moa Mystery

You need metre rulers
 a classmate

chalk

Activity

During the caving expedition, the students find a bone.

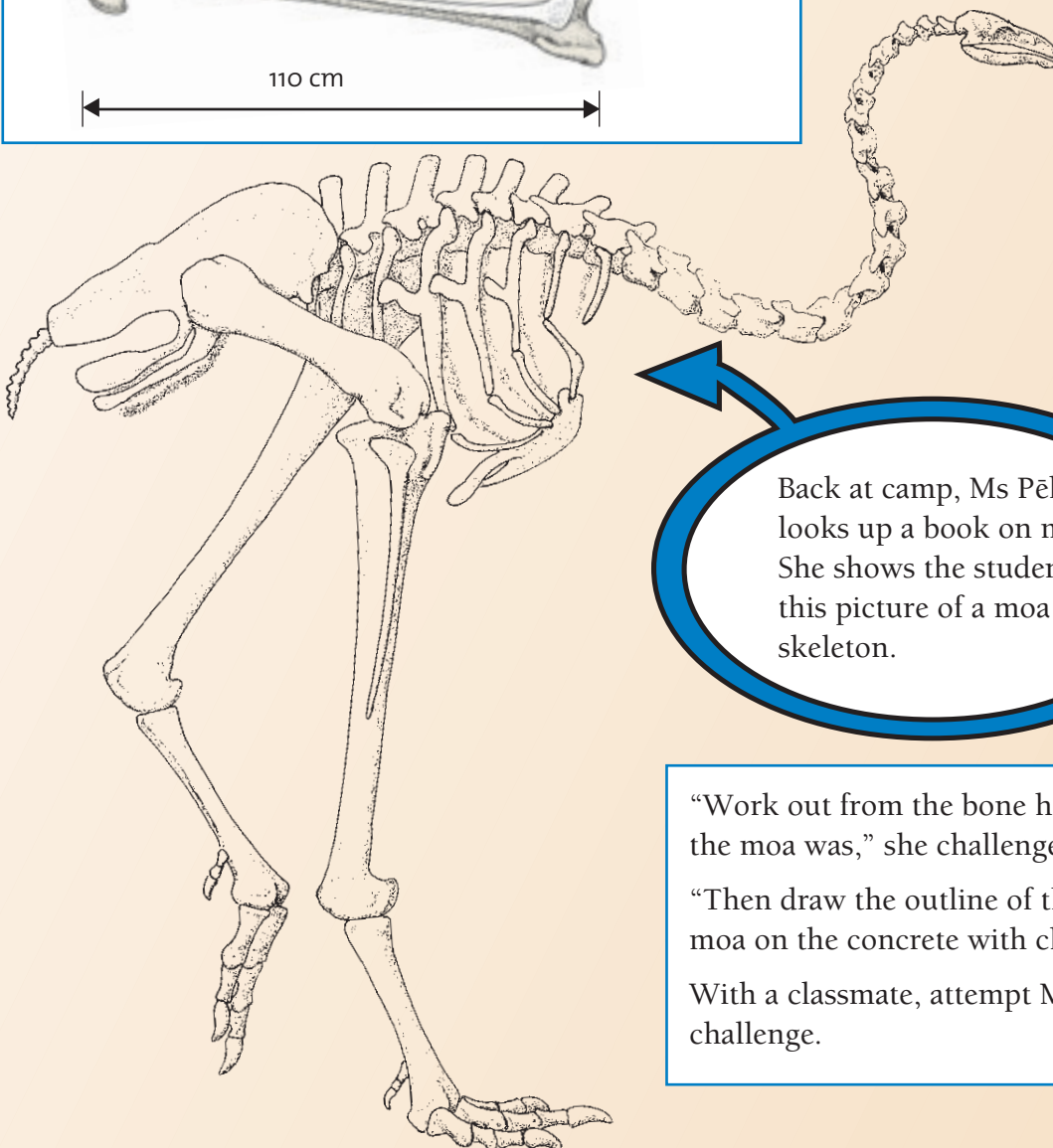
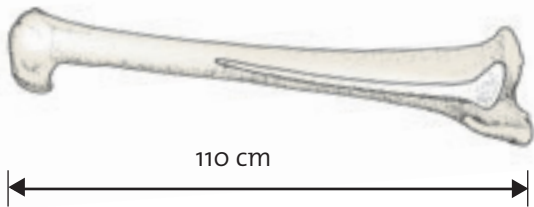
“That creature must have been big,” says Tāne.

“It looks like a huge chicken bone,” adds Zoe.

“I think it is a thigh bone from a moa,” says Ms Pēhi.

“They became extinct a long time ago.”

They measure the length of the bone.



Back at camp, Ms Pēhi looks up a book on moa. She shows the students this picture of a moa skeleton.

“Work out from the bone how tall the moa was,” she challenges.
“Then draw the outline of the whole moa on the concrete with chalk.”
With a classmate, attempt Ms Pehi’s challenge.