

PART 1

The first dinosaurs

1 Read

Hundreds of millions of years ago there were no land animals. The first animals were water creatures. Some of these water creatures began to crawl onto dry land. Their bodies began to change. They slowly changed into land animals.



Some of these animals developed legs for walking. They lived both on land and in water. They had smooth, soft skin and tails for swimming. They laid their eggs in water too. These animals were the first amphibians.

Some of these amphibians slowly changed into new animals. They developed stronger and straighter legs. They laid their eggs on land. These new animals were the first reptiles. Dinosaurs were reptiles. They lived for more than 150 million years. They lived – and died – a long time before the first people.



2 True or false?

- 1 The first animals lived in water.
- 2 All water creatures changed into land animals.
- 3 The first amphibians walked on land.
- 4 Dinosaurs were amphibians.
- 5 The first reptiles had strong legs.
- 6 Dinosaurs lived with the first people.

3 Read

Focus on dinosaurs

PART 2

How we know about dinosaurs

When some dinosaurs died, their bones stayed in the ground. The bones stayed there for thousands of years and turned to stone. These stony bones are called fossils.



When scientists find fossils, they dig them up, wrap them and put them in boxes. Later they try and build a skeleton with the fossils. Then they can find out what the dinosaur looked like.

Diplodocus was very big. It was as heavy as two elephants. It had four legs, a long neck and a long tail. Its back legs were longer and stronger than its front legs. Sometimes it stood on its back legs and ate leaves from trees.

Some museums have dinosaur skeletons. You can go and see them for yourself.



4 Put the sentences in order

What happened to this Diplodocus?

1 It died millions of years ago.



a Scientists found its fossils.

b They found out what it looked like.

c Its bones turned into fossils.

d They made its skeleton with the fossils.

e It died millions of years ago.

5 True or false?

1 Diplodocus was heavier than an elephant.

2 Its front legs were shorter than its back legs.

3 It stood on its stronger legs to eat from trees.

4 Its neck was longer than its legs.



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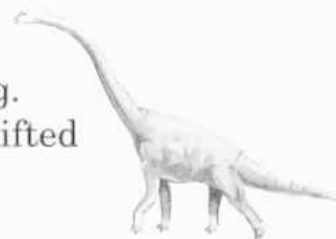
PART 3

6 Read

Some facts about dinosaurs

The biggest

Seismosaurus was probably about 30 metres long. It ate plants and leaves from tall trees. When it lifted its neck, it was as tall as a four-storey building.



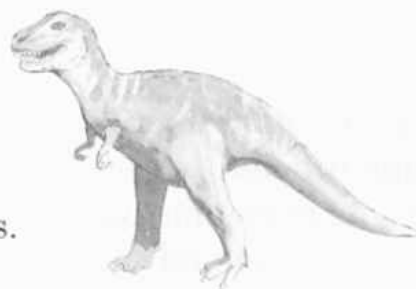
The fastest

Struthiomimus was the fastest runner. It probably ran as fast as 45 kilometres an hour. It had long back legs and big feet.



The most famous

Tyrannosaurus was fourteen metres long. It had very strong teeth. It was the biggest meat-eating dinosaur. It ate other dinosaurs.



The most intelligent

Saurornithoides was a small dinosaur. It was only two metres long. Its brain was as big as a bird's. It was probably more intelligent than any of today's reptiles.



The most stupid

Stegosaurus was more than seven metres long. Its brain was the same size as that of Saurornithoides but it wasn't as intelligent. Its brain was very small in comparison with the size of its body.



7 How many sentences can you make?

1	Seismosaurus	was	bigger	than ____
2	Struthiomimus		faster	
3	Saurornithoides		more intelligent	
4	Stegosaurus		more stupid	



8 Choose the correct sentences

- 1 a Tyrannosaurus was bigger than Seismosaurus.
b It wasn't as big as Seismosaurus.
- 2 a It was faster than 45 kilometres an hour.
b It wasn't as fast as 45 kilometres an hour.
- 3 a It was smaller than Saurornithoides.
b It wasn't as small as Saurornithoides.
- 4 a It was more intelligent than Stegosaurus.
b It wasn't as intelligent as Stegosaurus.



9 How many sentences can you make?

1	Seismosaurus	wasn't as	big	as ____
2	Struthiomimus		fast	
3	Saurornithoides		intelligent	
4	Stegosaurus		stupid	

10 YOUR DINOSAUR QUIZ ??????????

- 1 Do you like going to museums?
- 2 Have you ever seen a dinosaur skeleton?
- 3 Do you like films about dinosaurs?
- 4 Have you ever read a book about dinosaurs?
- 5 Have you got any toy dinosaurs?
- 6 What's your favourite dinosaur?

