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Dinosaurs are a group of reptiles that have lived on Earth for about 245 million years (time).

In 1842, the English naturalist Sir Richard Owen coined the term Dinosauria, derived from the Greek *deinos*, meaning “fearfully great,” and *sauros*, meaning “lizard.”

Dinosaur fossils have been found on all seven continents.

All non-avian dinosaurs went extinct about 66 million years ago.

There are roughly 700 known species of extinct dinosaurs.

Modern birds are a kind of dinosaur because they share a common ancestor with non-avian dinosaurs.