



## Dinosaurs - Giants of the Past

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Dinosaurs lived on Earth millions of years ago. The word "dinosaur" means "**terrible** lizard." Some dinosaurs were very big, and some were small. They lived for about 165 million years before they **disappeared**.

There were many **types** of dinosaurs. The T-Rex was a scary meat-eater with big teeth. The Brachiosaurus was **huge** and ate plants. The Velociraptor was small but very fast.

We know about dinosaurs from **fossils**. Fossils are old bones and footprints in rocks. Scientists called **paleontologists** study these fossils. They learn how dinosaurs lived and what they ate.

About 66 million years ago, all dinosaurs died. Scientists think a big **asteroid** hit the Earth. The sky became dark and cold. Plants died, and dinosaurs could not find food.

But not all dinosaurs are gone! Birds are **related** to dinosaurs. When you see a bird, you are seeing a type of dinosaur. Museums have dinosaur **skeletons** that you can visit. Dinosaurs still **amaze** us today!

### A. Vocabulary

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. terrible ____        | a. old bones or prints in rocks     |
| 2. disappeared ____     | b. connected or in the same family  |
| 3. types ____           | c. went away; can no longer be seen |
| 4. huge ____            | d. all the bones of a body          |
| 5. fossils ____         | e. to surprise and impress          |
| 6. paleontologists ____ | f. scientists who study dinosaurs   |
| 7. asteroid ____        | g. a big rock from space            |
| 8. related ____         | h. very scary or frightening        |
| 9. skeletons ____       | i. different kinds                  |
| 10. amaze ____          | j. very very big                    |

## B. True or False

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| 1. Dinosaurs lived thousands of years ago. _____     | 2. The word dinosaur means terrible lizard. _____ | 3. All dinosaurs were very big. _____               |
| 4. T-Rex ate plants. _____                           | 5. Fossils help us learn about dinosaurs. _____   | 6. Birds are related to dinosaurs. _____            |
| 7. An asteroid hit Earth 66 million years ago. _____ | 8. Paleontologists are doctors. _____             | 9. You can see dinosaur skeletons in museums. _____ |

## C. Fill in the Blanks

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**Word Bank:** terrible, types, huge, fossils, related

1. The word dinosaur means \_\_\_\_\_ lizard.
2. There were many \_\_\_\_\_ of dinosaurs.
3. The Brachiosaurus was \_\_\_\_\_ and ate plants.
4. We learn about dinosaurs from \_\_\_\_\_ in rocks.
5. Birds are \_\_\_\_\_ to dinosaurs.



## D. Comprehension Questions

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1. How long did dinosaurs live on Earth?
2. What does the word dinosaur mean?
3. What is a paleontologist?
4. How did the dinosaurs die?
5. How are dinosaurs still alive today?

## E. Discussion Questions

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1. Which dinosaur would you like to see? Why?
2. Have you been to a museum with dinosaur bones?
3. Why do you think people love dinosaurs?

# Answer Key

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**A. Vocabulary:** 1-h, 2-c, 3-i, 4-j, 5-a, 6-f, 7-g, 8-b, 9-d, 10-e

**B. True/False:** 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-F, 5-T, 6-T, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

**C. Fill Blanks:** 1-terrible, 2-types, 3-huge, 4-fossils, 5-related

**D. Comprehension:**

1. About 165 million years
2. Terrible lizard
3. A scientist who studies dinosaurs
4. An asteroid hit Earth, making it dark and cold
5. Birds are related to dinosaurs

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