

Dinosaurs — Amazing Giants of Long Ago

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Dinosaurs were **giant** animals that lived on **earth** millions of years ago. They were not alive when your grandparents were young. Some were as big as a school bus! Others were smaller than a cat. They are some of the most amazing animals that ever walked the land.

Some dinosaurs loved to **eat** green **plant**s and leaves. They had very **long** necks to reach the tops of tall trees. Other dinosaurs were meat-eaters. They had big, **sharp** teeth and strong legs. These fast hunters could chase and catch other animals very quickly.

All dinosaurs had a **tail** at the back of their body. Some used their tails to help them balance when they walked. Others used their tails to hit enemies and stay safe. Their skin could be green, gray, or brown — just like a big lizard today.

How do we know about dinosaurs? We find their bones inside **rock** and **earth**. These old bones are called fossils. Scientists dig them up carefully. From just one **tooth** or bone, a scientist can learn so much about how a dinosaur looked and lived.

About 66 million years ago, all the dinosaurs **die**d. A huge rock fell from space and crashed into the earth. The sky turned dark and cold — too cold for these **giant** animals to live. Today, we still find their bones and learn their amazing stories.

A. Vocabulary

1. earth ____	a. one of the hard white things inside your mouth used for biting
2. eat ____	b. a living thing with roots and leaves that grows in the ground
3. giant ____	c. having a thin edge or point that can cut things easily
4. long ____	d. the ground under our feet; the planet we live on
5. plant ____	e. to put food in your mouth, chew it, and swallow it
6. rock ____	f. very, very big; much bigger than normal
7. sharp ____	g. measuring a great distance from one end to the other
8. tail ____	h. a hard, solid piece of natural material from the ground
9. tooth ____	i. the part of an animal's body that sticks out at the back

10. die ____ j. to stop living; to come to the end of life



B. True or False

1. Dinosaurs were giant animals that lived millions of years ago. ____
2. Some dinosaurs were smaller than a cat. ____
3. All dinosaurs ate green plants and leaves. ____
4. Plant-eating dinosaurs had very long necks to reach tall trees. ____
5. All dinosaurs had a tail at the back of their body. ____
6. Dinosaur fossils are bones found inside rocks and earth. ____
7. Scientists can learn a lot from just one dinosaur tooth or bone. ____
8. Dinosaurs are still alive on Earth today. ____
9. A large rock from space may have helped kill the dinosaurs. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: rock, tail, sharp, plant, giant

1. Dinosaurs were _____ animals — some were as big as a school bus!

2. Some dinosaurs had long necks so they could **eat** green _____ and leaves.

3. Meat-eating dinosaurs had big, _____ teeth to catch other animals.

4. All dinosaurs had a long _____ at the back of their body.

5. Scientists find dinosaur bones inside _____ and earth.

D. Comprehension Questions

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1. What were dinosaurs, and when did they live?
2. How were plant-eating dinosaurs different from meat-eating dinosaurs?
3. What is a fossil, and how do scientists use it to learn about dinosaurs?
4. How did dinosaurs use their tails?
5. Why do you think it is important to learn about dinosaurs today, even though they are gone?

E. Discussion Questions

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1. Which dinosaur do you think was the most interesting? Why?
2. If you could see a living dinosaur for one day, which one would you choose and why?
3. Why is it important for scientists to dig up and study old dinosaur bones?





Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-giant, 2-plant, 3-sharp, 4-tail, 5-rock

D. Comprehension:

1. Dinosaurs were giant animals that lived on Earth millions of years ago. Some were as big as a school bus, while others were smaller than a cat.
2. Plant-eating dinosaurs had long necks to reach tall trees and ate leaves. Meat-eating dinosaurs had sharp teeth and strong legs to chase and catch other animals.
3. A fossil is an old dinosaur bone found inside rock or earth. Scientists dig them up carefully and study them to learn how dinosaurs looked and lived.
4. Some dinosaurs used their tails to help them balance when they walked. Others used their tails to hit enemies and stay safe.
5. Answers will vary. Example: Even though dinosaurs are gone, learning about them helps us understand the history of life on Earth and how animals can change over millions of years.

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