

Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs are a group of _____ (reptiles/mammals/plants) that lived between 230 and 65 million years ago during the _____ (Mesozoic/Cenozoic/Precambrian) Era. They came in many different shapes and sizes, ranging from the chicken-sized Compsognathus, to the gigantic Diplodocus, one of the _____ (tiniest/smallest/largest) animals to have ever walked the Earth. This allowed them to survive in a variety of different _____ (ecosystems/shelters/oceans).

The word dinosaur comes from the _____ (German/Greek/French) language, meaning 'terrible lizard'. Scientists who study dinosaurs are called _____ (volcanologists/palaeontologists/dentists). They study the _____ (movies/pictures/fossils) of animals and plants that lived a very, very long time ago.

Meat eating dinosaurs like the _____ (Brachiosaurus/Tyrannosaurus Rex/Diplodocus), would often be fast, with sharp teeth and _____ (claws/knives/eyes). Plant eating dinosaurs like the _____ (Spinosaurus/Stegosaurus/Velociraptor), often developed spikes, horns or tough skin to protect themselves.

Suddenly, some 65 million years ago, dinosaurs _____ (disappeared/emerged/appeared) completely, except for _____ (dogs/cats/birds), which are descended from meat eating dinosaurs. Experts think that there must have been a large event, such as an asteroid impact or volcanic eruption. These events could have blocked out the _____ (sunlight/starlight/moonlight), changing conditions on _____ (Pluto/Mars/Earth).

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Meat eating dinosaurs like the **Tyrannosaurus Rex** (Brachiosaurus/Tyrannosaurus Rex/Diplodocus), would often be fast, with sharp teeth and **claws** (claws/knives/eyes). Plant eating dinosaurs like the **Stegosaurus** (Spinosaurus/Stegosaurus/Velociraptor), often developed spikes, horns or tough skin to protect themselves.

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