

Dinosaurs

Introduction

Dinosaurs lived on the planet millions and millions of years ago, before they mysteriously died out. There are several theories as to why dinosaurs became extinct but no one really knows.

Scientists learn about dinosaurs by studying their fossils and bones. Scientists who study dinosaur fossils are called palaeontologists. Many dinosaur fossils are still being discovered today.



There are hundreds of different types of dinosaur. Scientists put them into groups depending on what they ate, how long ago they lived and their body shape.

Learning about dinosaurs and how they lived is fascinating. Read on to find out about some of the most well-known dinosaurs, which are often used in films and cartoons.

Some well-known dinosaurs



T-rex

Tyrannosaurus rex (T-rex) was a ferocious, meat-eating dinosaur. It had large, pointy teeth to crush through bones as it ate other animals and dinosaurs. It would walk around on its two powerful legs and had two small arms. T-rex was an enormous dinosaur.

Triceratops

Triceratops walked on four legs and had a huge head. It had three horns on its head, which is why it is called Triceratops. The word *triceratops* means three-horned head. Many scientists believe the horns were used for protection from the meat-eating dinosaurs.



Test A

Questions 1–13 are about *Dinosaurs* on pages **3–4** in the Reading Booklet.

Marks

1. When does the text say dinosaurs lived on the planet?

Tick **one**.

fifty years ago

hundreds of years ago

thousands of years ago

millions of years ago



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2. How do scientists learn about dinosaurs?



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3. Name one way scientists group dinosaurs.



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4. **Find** and **copy** the sentence in the *Introduction* that tells you the author finds learning about dinosaurs really interesting.



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