

Dinosaurs: Giants of the Past

A long time ago, dinosaurs lived on Earth. They **lived** in forests, deserts, and near rivers. Dinosaurs **came** in many shapes and sizes. Some, like the Brachiosaurus, **used to be** very tall and eat leaves from trees. Others, like the Velociraptor, **used to hunt** small animals for food.

Dinosaurs **did not live** at the same time as people. They **disappeared** about 65 million years ago. Scientists think a big rock from space, called an asteroid, **hit** the Earth. If the asteroid **hits** the Earth, it **makes** big changes to the weather. That is why many animals and plants **could not live** anymore.

Not all dinosaurs were scary. Many, like the Triceratops, **used to eat** plants. These dinosaurs **had** sharp teeth, but they were only for chewing hard leaves. If a dinosaur **sees** danger, it **runs** away or **hides** to stay safe.

Some dinosaurs were very fast. For example, the Velociraptor could run quickly to catch its food. Others, like the Ankylosaurus, were slow but had strong armor on their bodies to protect themselves. Flying dinosaurs, like the Pteranodon, **used to glide** through the skies to search for food. Some dinosaurs also laid eggs, and their nests were carefully guarded.

Today, scientists find dinosaur bones to learn about them. If you **go** to a museum, you **can see** dinosaur bones and think about how they **used to live**. Some museums even have models of dinosaurs that move and make sounds. What do you think it **was like** when dinosaurs were alive?

True or False Activity

Read the sentences below. Write "True" or "False" next to each one.

- 1. Dinosaurs lived in cities a long time ago.
- 2. Brachiosaurus used to eat leaves from trees.
- 3. Dinosaurs lived at the same time as people.
- 4. Scientists think an asteroid hit the Earth 65 million years ago.
- 5. Triceratops used to eat other animals.
- 6. If a dinosaur sees danger, it runs away or hides.
- 7. Some dinosaurs could fly in the sky.
- 8. Ankylosaurus used to run fast to catch food.
- 9. You can see dinosaur bones in a museum today.

Timeline Activity

Fill in the timeline with the correct events from the text:

- 1. Dinosaurs lived on Earth: _____ years ago.
- 2. An asteroid hit the Earth: _____ years ago.
- 3. Scientists started to study dinosaur bones: ___
- 4. Flying dinosaurs used to glide through the skies:
- 5. Dinosaurs disappeared: _____ years ago.

Dinosaur Quiz

Answer the questions below. Choose the correct answer.

- 1. Where did dinosaurs live? a) In cities
 - b) In forests, deserts, and near rivers
 - c) On the moon
- 2. What did Brachiosaurus use to eat? a) Meat
 - b) Leaves from trees
 - c) Fish
- 3. What caused dinosaurs to disappear? a) Humans hunted them
 - b) A big rock from space
 - c) They ran out of food
- 4. What did Triceratops use to eat? a) Other animals
 - b) Plants
 - c) Fish
- 5. What was special about Ankylosaurus? a) It was fast and hunted small animals
 - b) It had strong armor for protection
 - c) It could fly in the sky

- 6. What did flying dinosaurs like Pteranodon do? a) Hunt in the water
 - b) Glide through the skies
 - c) Run fast on the ground
- 7. Where can you see dinosaur bones today? a) In a museum
 - b) In the forest
 - c) On a mountain

Match the Dinosaur to the Fact

Match each dinosaur to the correct fact from the text. Write the letter of the fact next to the dinosaur.

- 1. Brachiosaurus
- 2. Velociraptor
- 3. Triceratops
- 4. Ankylosaurus
- 5. Pteranodon

A. Used to eat plants and had sharp teeth for chewing leaves.

- B. Was slow but had strong armor to protect itself.
- C. Could glide through the skies to search for food.
- D. Could run quickly to catch its food.
- E. Was very tall and ate leaves from trees.

Imaginative Speaking Activity

Use your imagination to answer the questions below. Discuss your answers with your classmates or teacher:

- 1. If you could see a real dinosaur, which one would you want to see? Why?
- 2. Imagine you lived in the time of dinosaurs. What would your life be like? What would you do to stay safe?
- 3. If dinosaurs were alive today, how would they live with people? Would they be in zoos, or would they roam free?
- 4. If you could ride on a dinosaur, which one would you choose? Where would you go?
- 5. What do you think dinosaurs dreamed about? Use your imagination to describe their dreams.
- 6. If you could bring one dinosaur back to life, which one would it be? How would you take care of it?

These questions will help you think creatively and practice speaking English!

