

Dinosaurs

Use the words below to fill in the blanks and find out all about dinosaurs!

extinct	230	reptiles	dinosaurs	snakes
volcano	meteorite	years	hunters	birds

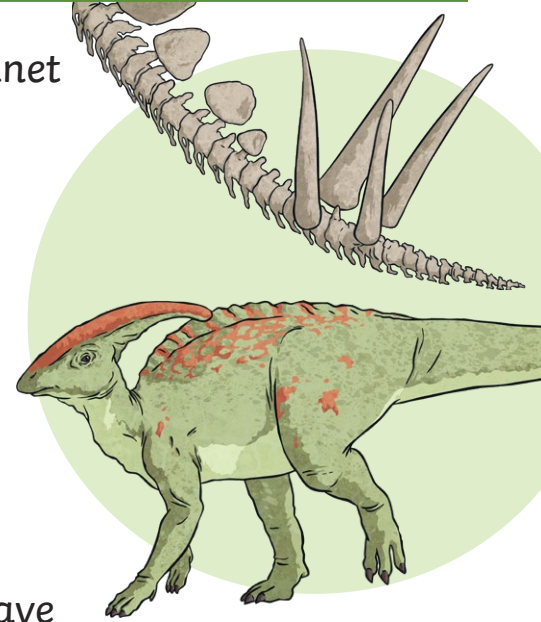
Dinosaurs were incredible animals that lived on planet Earth for more than 150 million _____ .

Just like lizards and _____ , dinosaurs were _____ . These are cold-blooded animals that have scales or dry skin. In fact, the word dinosaur means 'terrible lizard'.

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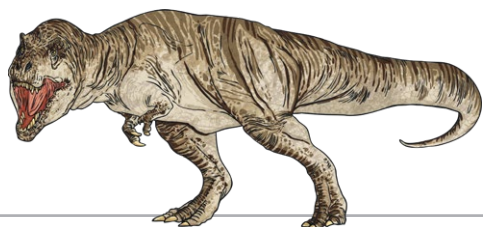
Can you match the names of the dinosaurs to their pictures below?

velociraptor

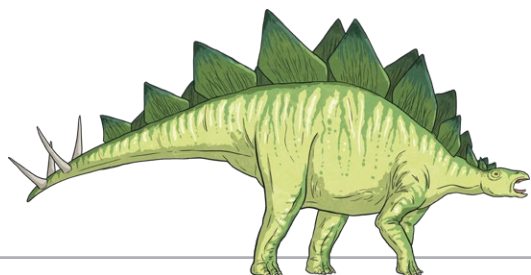
stegosaurus

tyrannosaurus rex

pterosaur











Amazing Fact

Dinosaur fossils have been found on all seven continents!

Dinosaurs Answers

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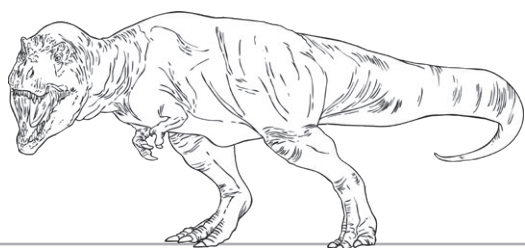
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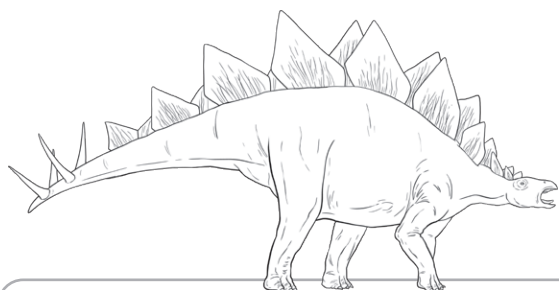
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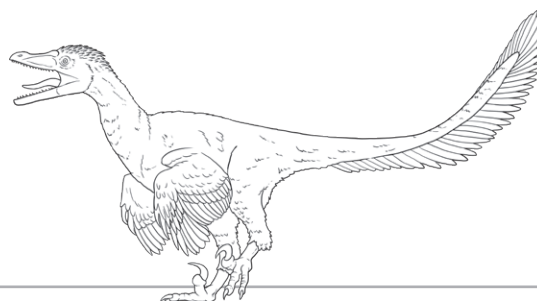
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pterosaur



stegosaurus



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