

Dinosaur Diary

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Thursday, August 12th

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Dinosaur Fossil Diary

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I have been in Utah in America for two weeks now. We are at a place called Sandy Valley. We are sleeping in tents and have to cook all of our food on camping stoves. It is very hot in the daytime but freezing at night!

We get up early in the morning and start digging after breakfast. My fellow fossil hunters (Peter Smith and Meera Shah) and I have already found loads of amazing dinosaur remains. You have to use very small hammers, pick axes and drills to break open rocks to see what is inside. If you are lucky enough to find a fossil you then need to chip away extra rock so that you can see what you have got. We use brushes and special cloths to clean the fossils.

On Tuesday I found a Stegosaurus tooth and a Saltosaurus bone. The tooth was huge! One of the team came round with a camera and took a picture of my find. All the fossils, dinosaur eggs and other remains are then stored in clean boxes to be taken back to City University in England. We are really hoping we will find a skull from a dinosaur before we have to leave in September – maybe a Triceratops or a Gigantosaurus – but they are not that common. Keep your fingers crossed for us!



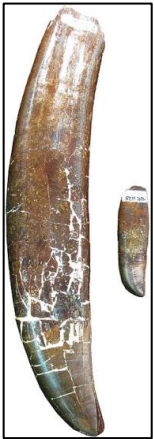
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Diary

Instructions: With your partner, read this fossil hunter's diary extract. The common nouns and proper nouns in the first paragraph have already been highlighted. Proper nouns are underlined. Copy them to the correct columns on the Dinosaur Noun Hunting Chart. Now look for the common and proper nouns in the second paragraph. Underline them and copy them into the columns too. How many did you find of each sort? Good luck and good hunting!

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Dinosaur Noun Hunting Record Chart

<i>Common nouns</i>	<i>Proper nouns</i>