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# ACTIVITIES RELATED TO DINOSAURS

## Description

**Online Activity:** The activities include fun assessments and also a power point presentation, a dinosaur quiz on the presentation, dinosaur riddles, and a dinosaur picture quiz.

**Further Reading: HERBIE AND THE T. REX**

by **Charlotte Sebag-Montefiore**

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**Parental involvement:** This is recommended

**Minimum age:** 4. No maximum age.

**Time:** 1¾ hours

**Specified learning outcomes:**

1. Increased knowledge of dinosaurs and specifically, the diplodocus; the T. Rex; the ankylosaurus; the stegosaurus; and the pachycephalosaurus
2. Increased knowledge of the timeline of dinosaurs
3. Increased knowledge of what humans have in common with dinosaurs

# Dinosaur Picture Quiz

(Complete after working through the Power Point Activity about Dinosaurs)

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**DRAW A LINE TO MATCH THE DINOSAUR'S NAME TO THE RIGHT PICTURE**

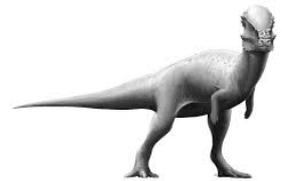
Tyrannosaurus Rex



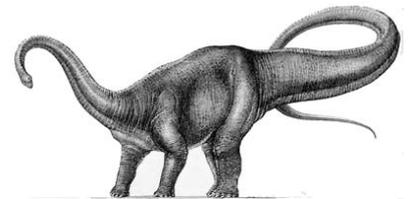
Diplodocus



Stegosaurus



Ankylosaurus



Pachycephalosaurus



Plateosaurus



# Dinosaur Quiz

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about Dinosaurs)

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1. Was the Jurassic period first, second or third in the timeline of the dinosaurs?



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2. Was Dippy a Brachiosaurus or Diplodocus

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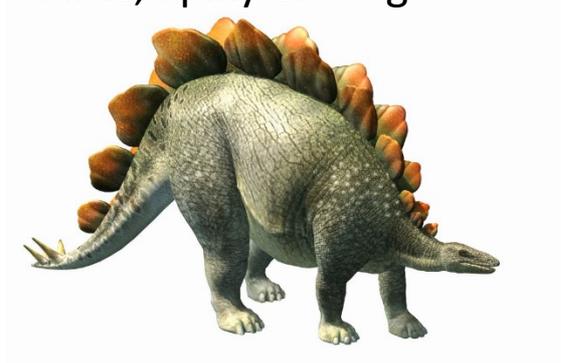
3. Was Dippy the longest of all the dinosaurs ever to live?



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4. Which character was the Stegosaurus, Spiky or Steps?

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5. The Stegosaurus had a small brain, what nut is it closest to in size, a peanut, cashew or walnut?

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6. Which was bigger the male or female T. Rex?

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7. Write down two features about the ankylosaurus.

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8. Why do you think the pachycephalosaur needed a thick skull?

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9. Was the T. Rex the biggest meat eater ever?

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10. Give at least three examples of common features between dinosaurs and humans.



# Dinosaur Riddles Quiz

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about Dinosaurs)**

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## Riddle 1

I was a biped just like you.  
I stood to look around  
and used my horrid arms in front  
to grab the prey they found!

I was a giant coelurosaur  
So strange to think from me  
the tasty chicken did evolve  
that lays eggs for your tea!

For birds are dinosaurs you know.  
They're bipeds like me too.  
There are some others like the bears  
-and then of course, there's you.

When the world was ruled by us,  
mammals were so small  
we didn't bother eating them,  
not worth it, not at all!

For we were huge, ginormous,  
a fearsome, monstrous beast.  
We needed such a lot of meat  
on which to munch and feast!

Of all the dinos, we were King,  
- in Latin, that means rex.  
And as regards the good food chain,  
we were near the apex!

Children, now you've listened,  
which dinosaur am I?  
It's even better if you add  
some of the reasons why

## Riddle 2

I really was enormous,  
too big to hunt at all.  
That was a great advantage  
- though my brain was very small!

My eggs were buried for their sake  
I didn't squash and mind them.  
But oh alas, there were some times  
when others used to find them!

You see my little babies  
were few who did survive.  
Most were eaten up as eggs  
before they were alive!

A herbivore is what I was.  
My mouth had munchy jaws...  
Most of me was neck or tail  
- I hadn't any claws!

The reason why my neck was long,  
and my tail just the same....  
I had to keep my balance, see,  
Now tell me what's my name!

Children, now you've listened,  
which dinosaur am I?  
It's even better if you add  
some of the reasons why!

### Riddle 3

Herbivores, with little teeth,  
cousins to the stegosaurus,  
But we lived in Cretaceous times,  
we'd plenty going for us!

My armour, like a crocodile's,  
was really very tough.  
When fearsome carnivores attacked,  
oh it was tough enough!

My tail was like a baseball bat,  
It hit out, very strong!  
It broke the bones of predators,  
they didn't stay there long!

I never was a runner,  
I tried not to be caught.  
I was stable and I might dig in,  
my legs were rather short.

The carnivores tried very hard  
to flop and turn me over,  
eat my tender underside  
and find themselves in clover!

Children, now you've listened,  
which dinosaur am I?  
It's even better if you add  
some of the reasons why!

## Riddle 4

I often used to find myself  
really quite surprised.  
I think it was because, you see,  
my brain was walnut-sized!

Big brains are simply not required  
to find some ferns to munch.  
When I could, I gobbled tons  
and had them for my lunch!

I had to grind the ferns right up  
with little stones I swallowed.  
The ferns were first, bulged in my cheeks,  
the grinding stones then followed!

I had two fancy rows of plates,  
that blushed a rosy pink.  
I was so very handsome,  
at least that's what I think!

My plates would keep me warm or cool,  
scared predators away.  
My walnut-brain is not quite sure  
and now I've had my say!

Children, now you've listened,  
which dinosaur am I?  
It's even better if you add  
some of the reasons why!

## Riddle 5

I lived in late Cretaceous times,  
If male, I liked a fight.  
My skull was thick, protected me,  
I liked to eat at night!

It was hard then for the predators,  
they couldn't really see.  
But I saw well when it was dark  
when they were hunting me!

My teeth were small with ridges  
to chew the leaves and fruit,  
- or sometimes in the forest  
I could find a tasty root!

I was very good at running  
and could sprint a good long way.  
It is the best way to escape  
and live another day!

I needed food to run so fast  
I wasn't really greedy  
Stamina needs lots of food,  
you see, I was just needy!

Children, now you've listened,  
which dinosaur am I?  
It's even better if you add  
some of the reasons why!

## Riddle 6

We lived in late Triassic times,  
The air was very thin.  
Our lungs grew until supersized  
to get our oxygen right in!

We liked the tasty, ancient plants,  
We used our hands to tear  
the leaves off from the branches,  
- our food was growing there!

Some of us were quite a size,  
the same weight as three men.  
We lived in Europe, Greenland too  
on grasslands, plains and fen!

Our jaws and teeth, alas, were weak,  
so when we had to fight,  
we used the sharp claws of our thumb  
to slash with all our might!

Quicksands might consume us,  
as might a boggy swamp.  
Predators would eat us,  
they'd chomp, and chomp and chomp!

Children, now you've listened,  
which dinosaur am I?  
It's even better if you add  
some of the reasons why!

## **ANSWERS**

Riddle 1	Tyrannosaurus rex
Riddle 2	Diplodocus
Riddle 3	Ankylosaurus
Riddle 4	Stegosaurus
Riddle 5	Pachycephalosaurus
Riddle 6	Plateosaurus