Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs are a group of _____ that lived between 230 and 65 million years ago during the _____ Era. This was a time when the land formed just one _____ which was hot, dry and desert like. However, earthquakes and _____ helped split the land into two. Eventually, _____ fell and rainfall increased, leading to the growth of more green, leafy plants. Then the land separated further, into some of the continents we know today.

Dinosaurs _____ differently depending on where they lived. They came in many different shapes and sizes, ranging from the chicken-sized Compsognathus, to the gigantic Diplodocus, one of the _____ animals to have ever walked the Earth. This allowed them to survive in a variety of different _____.

The word dinosaur comes from the _____ language, meaning 'terrible lizard'. Scientists who study dinosaurs are called _____. They study the _____ of animals and plants that lived a very, very long time ago.

Meat eating dinosaurs like the _____, would often be fast, with sharp teeth and _____. Plant eating dinosaurs like the _____, often developed spikes, horns or tough skin to protect themselves.

Suddenly, some 65 million years ago, dinosaurs _____ completely, except for _____, which are descended from meat eating dinosaurs. Experts think that there must have been a catastrophic event, such as an asteroid impact or volcanic eruption. These events could have blocked out the _____, changing conditions on _____.

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