

Reading: an online message board

- 1 Read the comments on the online forum and answer the questions.



Dino Forum
where dinosaur fans talk dinosaurs

Discussion question: If you went back to the time of the dinosaurs, what would you do?



From FredtheFossil Posted 4.12 p.m. I'd get away as fast as my legs could carry me! I don't think our dinosaur friends would be interested in a chat!	From BrontySaurus Posted 4.13 p.m. LOL! Great question. What would I do? I don't know! Take a photo from behind a big bush.
From MeRex Posted 4.18 p.m. I'd jump into a swamp, throw stones at the dinosaurs and then go 'rahhhhhhhh' to see if any of the creatures got scared and ran away.	From JurassicMark Posted 4.30 p.m. Hey, MeRex. I've got another question for you – if one of the dinosaurs shouted 'rahhhhhhh' at you, what would you do? LMK.
From TheTerribleLizard Posted 5.00 p.m. Can't wait to discuss the question, but I've got to have dinner now. BRB.	From HerbieVore Posted 5.01 p.m. IMO, IRL, we would all be really scared and wouldn't know what to do. Imagine – no Internet, no phones, no TV, and lots of huge dinosaurs running after us!
From PerryDactyl Posted 5.10 p.m. Great question but can I ask a different one? Has anyone played Sunrise Horizon? It's a new dinosaur video game. LMK.	From Swampy Posted 6.33 p.m. Hi, PerryDactyl. I have! It's brilliant! DM me and I'll send you a link to it.

- Who says it would be very scary for everyone?
- Who can't answer the question because they have to eat something?
- Who can help someone with information about a new game?
- Who would shout at the dinosaurs?
- Who has another question?
- Who would run away?

HerbieVore

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1 Match Internet abbreviations 1–6 with phrases a–f.

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| 1 LOL | a be right back | _____ |
| 2 LMK | b in my opinion | _____ |
| 3 IMO | c laugh / laughing out loud | <u>1</u> |
| 4 BRB | d direct message | _____ |
| 5 DM | e in real life | _____ |
| 6 IRL | f let me know | _____ |

Help with Writing

Abbreviations are a common feature of communication on the Internet. It is a good idea to learn some in English that you can use if you chat to people in forums.

2 Choose a question to discuss.

- If you were a dinosaur, which one would you be?
- If you could have a special power, which one would you choose?
- If you could fly, where would you go?

Write comments from people in response to the question. Include the following:

- a name for each contributor
- a time they posted their contribution
- a reason for each answer.