

A Very Funny Dinosaur



Brian's class was studying dinosaurs at school, and Brian was really excited.

"Did you know that the largest dinosaurs were as tall as a three-story building, Mom?" he said.

5 "Really, dear?" said Mom, "No, I didn't know that."

"Yes, and some were as **heavy** as two trucks!" he **continued**.

"Wow!" said Mom.

"And velociraptor dinosaurs actually had **feathers**. They were a lot like birds."

10 "Wow, Brian, you sure learned a lot **about** dinosaurs!" said Mom.

Later, Mom came to see Brian in his room.

"Hey Brian," she said, "Did you learn about the **blind** dinosaur?"

"Hmmm... no, I don't think so", Brian replied. "What was **it** called?" He looked very interested.

15 Mom smiled and laughed. "It was called 'Do-you-think-he-saur-us'."

"Awwwww, Mom!" said Brian.

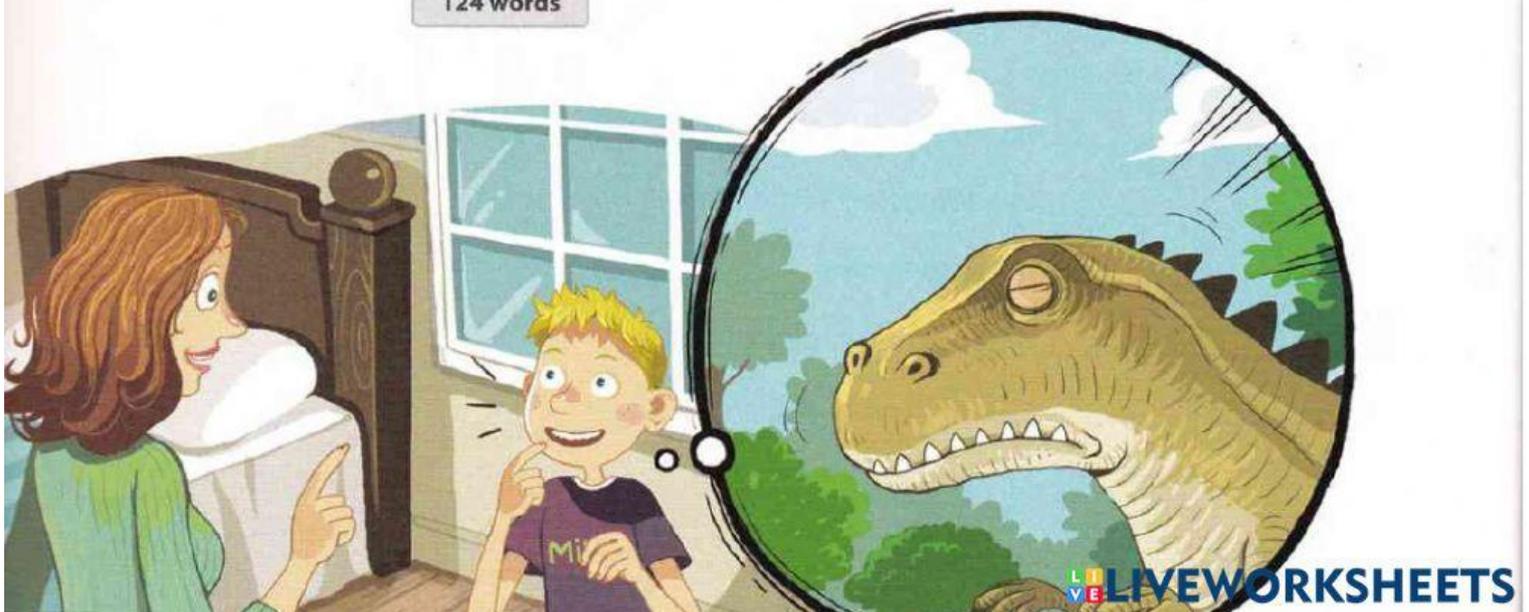
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Read this!

In Greek, "dino" means "terrible, powerful, and wondrous." "Saur" means "lizard."

Did you know?

Dinosaurs died out about 65 million years ago.



D Details 2 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 What did velociraptors have?
a. They had fur. **b.** They had feathers.
- 2 How did Brian feel when Mom asked him about the blind dinosaur?
a. He was interested. **b.** He was worried.
- 3 In line 13, what does **it** refer to?
a. the velociraptor **b.** the blind dinosaur

3. After Reading

A Word Practice Choose and complete the sentence.

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- 1 I can't carry this bag. It's too _____.
- 2 The _____ man has a guide dog to help him.
- 3 A bird's _____ is very light.
- 4 I want to read a book _____ animals.
- 5 We _____ studying until 6 o'clock.
- 6 She lives in a twenty _____ apartment building.

B Discussion Write the answers and talk about them with your friend.

- 1 Are you interested in dinosaurs? _____
- 2 What do you want to learn about dinosaurs? _____

- 3 Where can you find more information about dinosaurs? _____
