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Przeczytaj tekst. Po każdym akapicie zdecyduj, czy zdania podane poniżej wyrażają prawdę - 'true', czy fałsz - 'false'.

Evolution has a sense of humour. Given enough time and enough mutation, competition, selection, pressure and hybridization the forces of nature can turn a lizard into a Chicken From Hell.

Scientists have just discovered a freakish, birdlike species of dinosaur - 3 metres long, over 200 kilo, with a beak, no teeth, a bony crest on top of its head, murderous claws, strong fighter arms, tall legs, a thin tail and feathers sprouting all over the body. Officially, it's a member of a group of dinosaurs called oviraptorosaurs, unofficially nicknamed the Chicken From Hell.

a) According to scientists the new type of dinosaur that they have discovered is really strange and cannot be compared to any dinosaur found before.

This dino-bird is not literally a chicken, or even a bird. It's definitely a dinosaur, and it lived at the end of the Cretaceous period, from about 68 million to 66 million years ago. 'It would look like a really absurd, stretched-out chicken and it would have been a cross between a chicken and a lizard,' say the palaeontologists who excavated the fossils.

b) The palaeontologists were surprised to discover a dinosaur that would have looked like two species combined together.

The fossils of three specimens of the new dinosaur were found in a sedimentary rock layer known as the Hell Creek in North and South Dakota. The formation inspired the nickname. But there's also the matter of appearance: It's a disturbing beast. It looks like it could stomp you, rip you to pieces or simply peck you to death.

c) The nickname of the Chicken From Hell derives from the scary body features of the new dinosaur.

It's a big animal, the biggest oviraptorosaur species found in North America. The creature brings to mind a huge flightless bird, such as an ostrich or emu. The weird crest on its head, which resembles half a dinner plate turned vertically, looks like that of a cassowary. The new dinosaur is loaded with biological accessories and adaptations, as if evolution had been inspired by a Swiss Army knife.

d) Scientist have figured out that the new dinosaur would have been a fierce creature that attacked its prey from air.

In *The Origin of Species* Charles Darwin wrote of the '*grandeur of natural selection, through which endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being, evolved*' — but he never saw this animal from a nightmare.