

Reading Comprehension

Multiple Choice. Choose the best answer for each question.

- Gist** 1. Another title for this reading could be _____.
 a. What Really Killed the Dinosaurs?
 b. Dinosaurs: Myths and Realities
 c. The Life of a Paleontologist
 d. Dinosaurs' New Relatives
- Inference** 2. Which statement about *Troodon* is probably true?
 a. It was the size of a dog.
 b. It was warm-blooded.
 c. It was a huge animal.
 d. It was quite intelligent.
- Vocabulary** 3. Some paleontologists think *T. rex* was a *scavenger* (line 14).
 What does this mean?
 a. It had small arms.
 b. It was a powerful killer.
 c. It was similar to an elephant.
 d. It ate dead animals.
- Reference** 4. In line 25, what does *they* refer to?
 a. pterosaurs
 b. scientists
 c. dinosaurs
 d. bats
- Detail** 5. What is true about *Tupuxuara*?
 a. They could fly very long distances.
 b. They were a type of bird.
 c. They looked very different from dinosaurs.
 d. They could take off from the ground.
- Detail** 6. What happened 65 million years ago?
 a. Some dinosaurs started to fly.
 b. Humans appeared on Earth.
 c. The last dinosaurs died out.
 d. Most birds became extinct.
- Detail** 7. Which sentence about dinosaurs is NOT true?
 a. Many kinds of dinosaurs could fly.
 b. Some dinosaurs had quite large brains.
 c. *T. rex* was too large to run very fast.
 d. Some scientists believe that birds are related to dinosaurs.



Did You Know?

Stegosaurus had a brain the size of a walnut, weighing just 75 grams.

Vocabulary Practice

A. Matching. Read the information and match each word in **red** with its definition.

For centuries, stories about **giant** sea monsters have existed in many countries. One of the most famous is Scotland's Loch Ness Monster (often called "Nessie"). **In reality**, some animals that were like Nessie lived in the world's seas 65–250 million years ago. For example, Nessie is **physically** similar to a type of plesiosaur—a sea reptile with a very long neck. But is Nessie really an ancient sea monster, still alive in a lake in Scotland? Probably not. Plesiosaurs (like the dinosaurs) died out **completely** about 65 million years ago.

1. actually, in fact _____
2. huge, very large _____
3. totally _____
4. related to the body _____

B. Completion. Complete the information by circling the correct word in each pair.

The ancient sea monster *Dakosaurus* is a **1. (museum / relative)** of modern-day crocodiles. This large and **2. (heavy / fairly)** South American sea reptile was a powerful **3. (climate / hunter)**. Sea reptiles like *Dakosaurus* were dangerous predators. Some, such as *Tylosaurus* (pictured), even ate sharks. But in the end, it was the sharks that survived. Today, you can only see *Dakosaurus* bones in a **4. (relative / museum)**, but sharks are found all over the world.

Word Link We can add **-er** or **-or** to form nouns that describe a person who does a certain action or job, for example, *hunter* or *inventor*.



