

# 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?



<p><b>From FredtheFossil</b> 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!</p>	<p><b>From BrontySaurus</b> Posted 4.13 p.m. LOL! Great question. What would I do? I don't know! Take a photo from behind a big bush.</p>
<p><b>From MeRex</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>From JurassicMark</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>From TheTerribleLizard</b> Posted 5.00 p.m. Can't wait to discuss the question, but I've got to have dinner now. BRB.</p>	<p><b>From HerbieVore</b> 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!</p>
<p><b>From PerryDactyl</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>From Swampy</b> Posted 6.33 p.m. Hi, PerryDactyl. I have! It's brilliant! DM me and I'll send you a link to it.</p>

- 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

and

**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.

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