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< > What Does "Dinosaur" Mean? < / >

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The word "dinosaur" was invented by the English biologist Sir Richard Owen. He first used the term "Dinosauria" in 1842, when he needed a word for a new group of animals that he had recently identified. It comes from two Greek words: "deinos", which means "terrible", and "sauros", which means "lizard", although strictly speaking, dinosaurs are not lizards!

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< > What Is A Dinosaur? < / >

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Dinosaurs were a tremendously varied group of animals. They were grazers or predators, some with horns and armour, but all lived between 250 and 65 million years ago, from the early Triassic period to the end of the Cretaceous period.

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