

Reading Comprehension

Multiple Choice. Choose the best answer for each question.

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| 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 <i>Troodon</i> 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 <i>T. rex</i> was a <i>scavenger</i> (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 <i>they</i> refer to?
a. pterosaurs
b. scientists
c. dinosaurs
d. bats |
| Detail | 5. What is true about <i>Tupuxuara</i> ?
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. <i>T. rex</i> 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*.



