

Dinosaur data



Dinosaurs lived on Earth for millions of years.

Scientists study dinosaur bones to find out how they lived and what they looked like.

There were more than 700 different types of dinosaur! Some dinosaurs ate plants and others ate meat. Some walked on two legs and others walked on four legs. Some could fly and others lived in the sea. We know they were all different, but no one knows what colour or pattern they were. This is because there is no dinosaur skin left to study.

Dinosaurs disappeared 65 million years ago. Why was this? Some scientists think that a large rock called an asteroid fell to Earth from space. This made the Earth much colder and there was no longer any food for the dinosaurs to eat.

The most famous dinosaur is the T-Rex (Tyrannosaurus Rex). It was 14 metres long and 5.5m high: bigger than a house! Its strong tail helped it move quickly. But no one knows how fast it could run. Its teeth were 36 centimetres long and it ate meat. You can see T-Rex skeletons in some museums.



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