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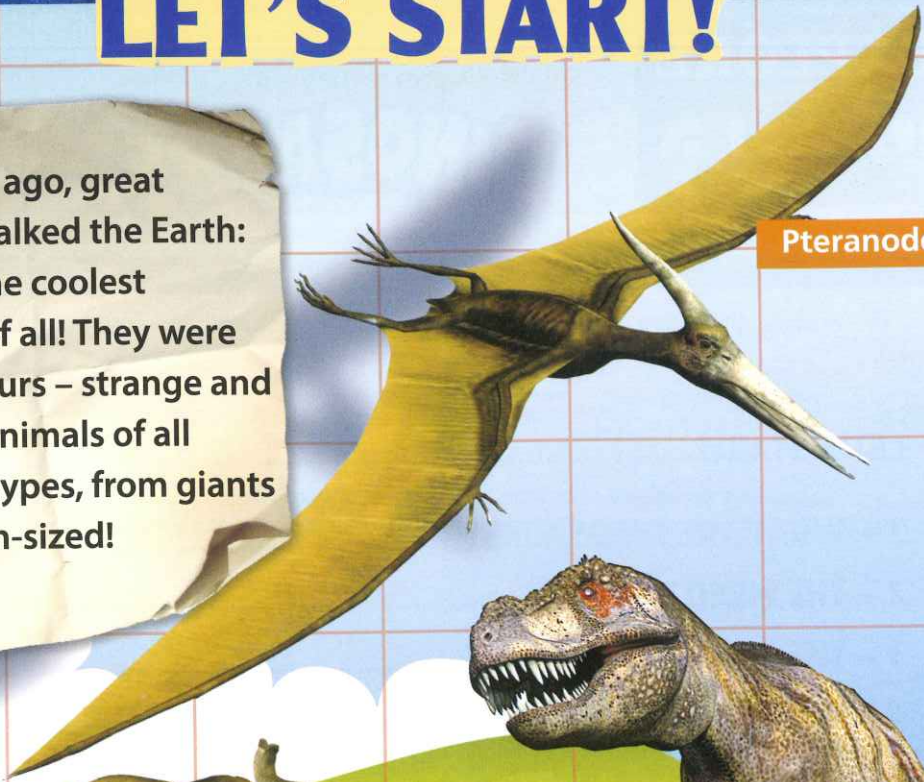
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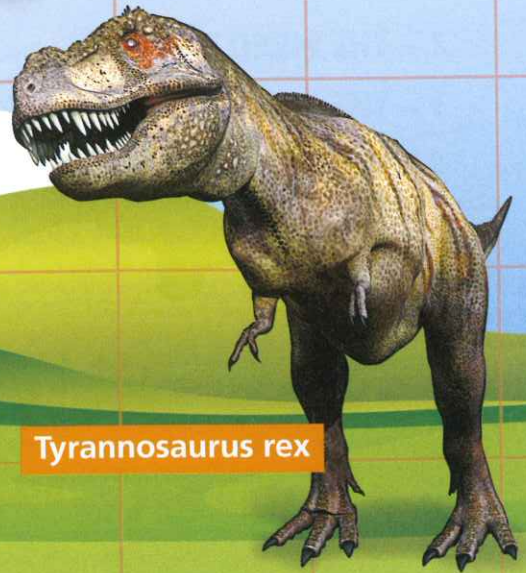
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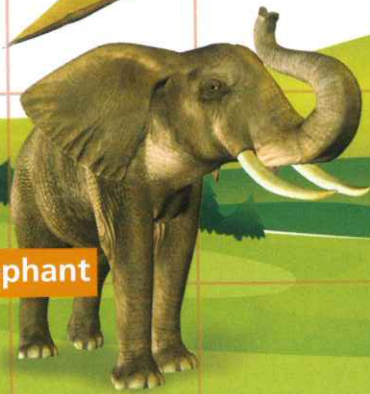
A long time ago, great creatures walked the Earth: probably the coolest creatures of all! They were the dinosaurs – strange and amazing animals of all different types, from giants to chicken-sized!



Pteranodon



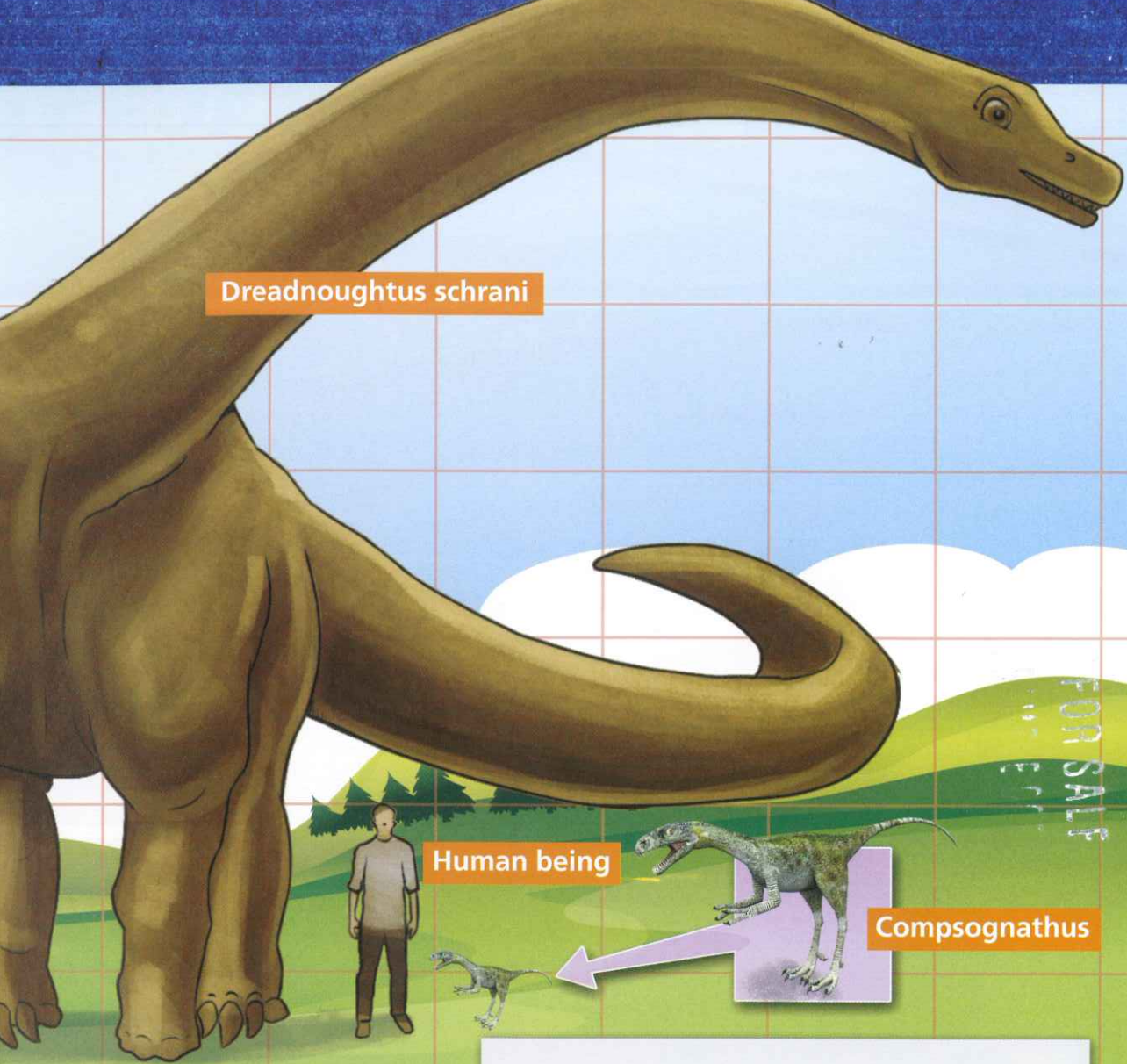
Tyrannosaurus rex



African elephant



Blue whale



Dreadnoughtus schrani

Human being

Compsognathus

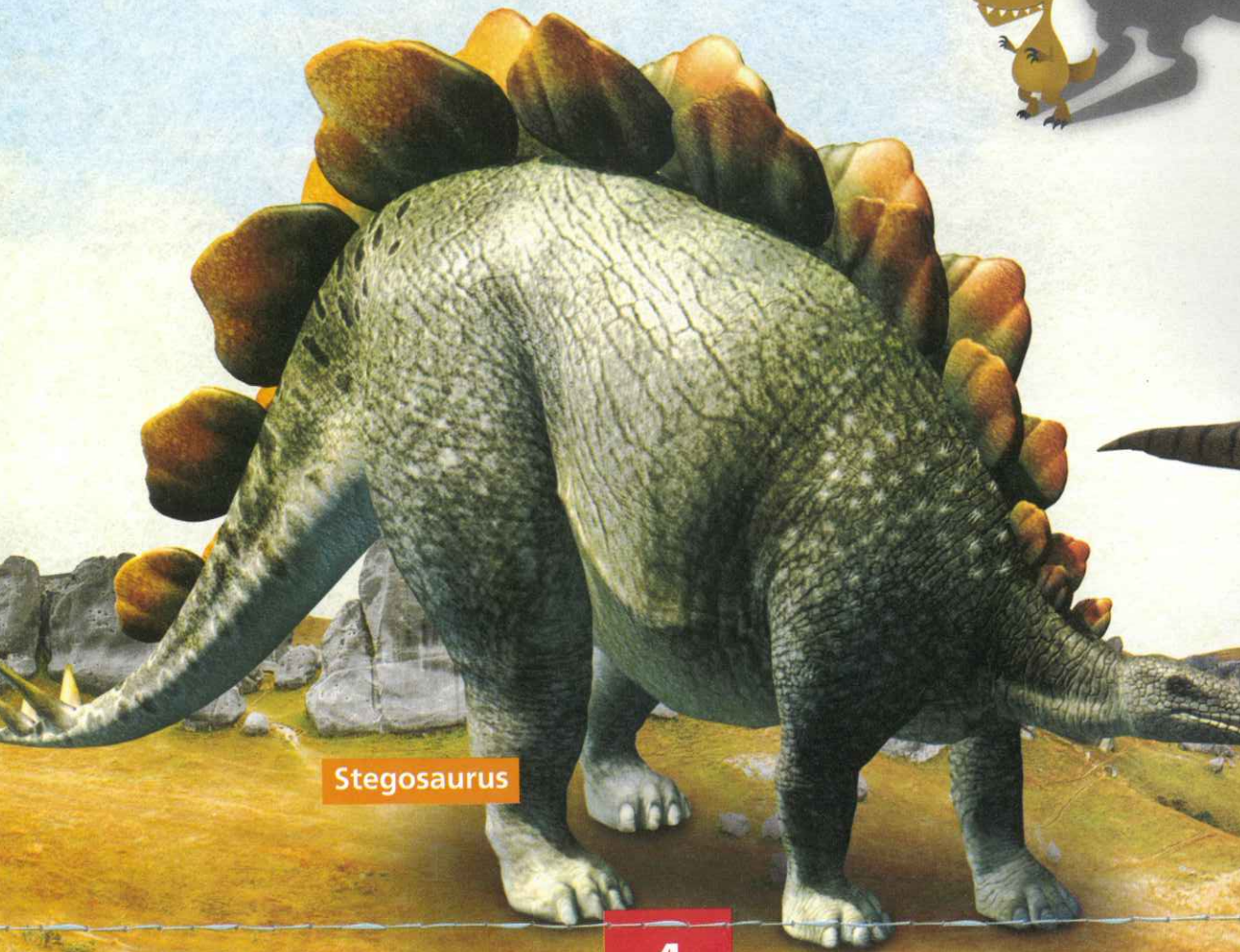
Many years later, we are still trying to solve the mysteries and answer the questions we have about dinosaurs. When did they first appear? What did they look like? Why did they disappear? What is the biggest dinosaur ever discovered?

# 1

# WHAT ARE DINOSAURS?

The word **dinosaur** means '**terrible lizard**'.  
The first dinosaurs started to appear on Earth about 230 million years ago.

Over time – millions of years – some dinosaurs became bigger than any animal on Earth before. They were much bigger than any land mammals on our planet today!

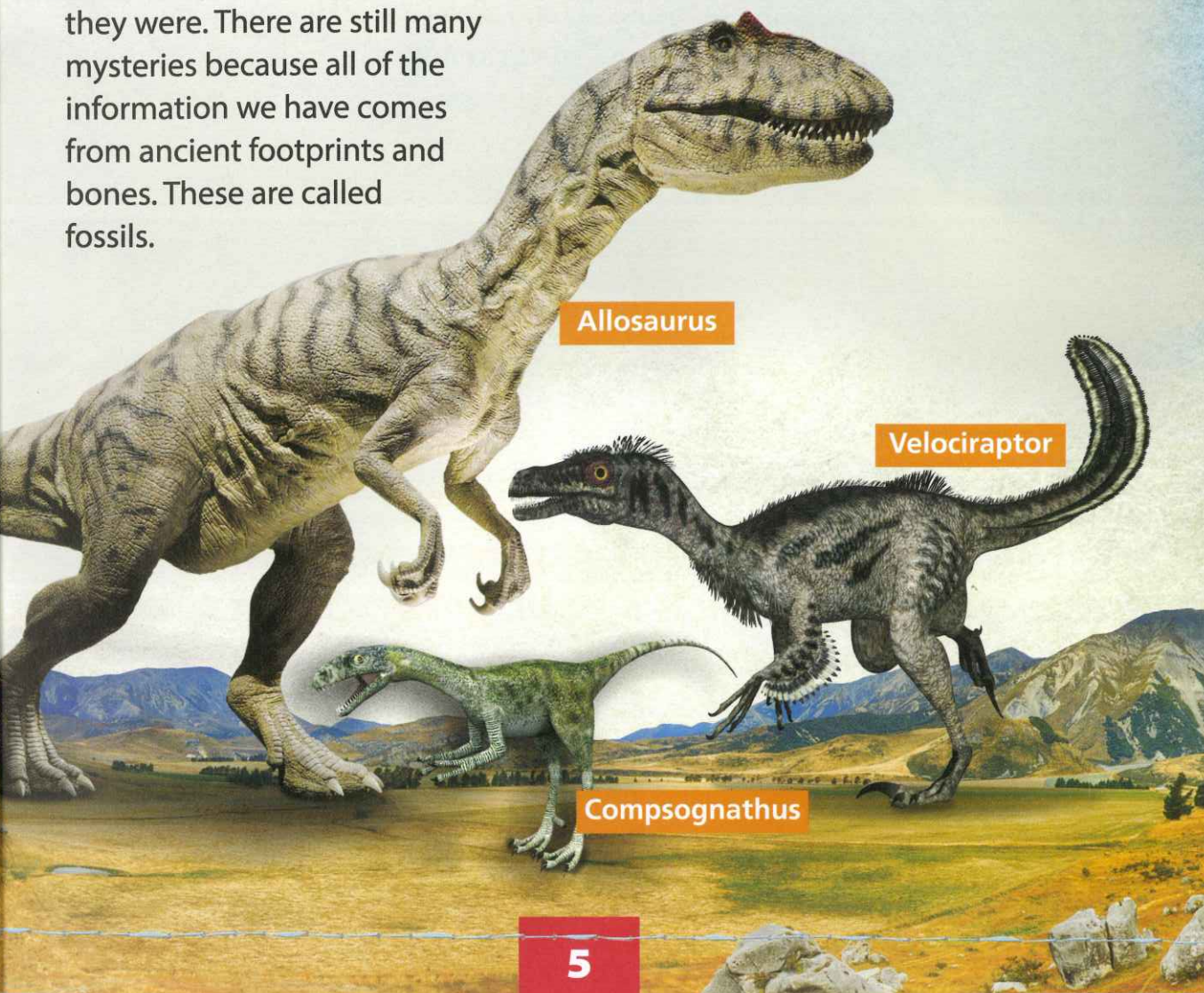


Stegosaurus

# • What were dinosaurs like?

Some dinosaurs were herbivores and ate only plants. Other dinosaurs, like *Tyrannosaurus rex*, were carnivores. They ate meat. They even ate other dinosaurs! Most dinosaurs were very big. Some dinosaurs were more than 12 metres tall. That is as tall as six gorillas standing on top of one another! But not all dinosaurs were giants. There were also some smaller dinosaurs. For example, *Compsognathus* was only the size of a chicken. Dinosaurs gave birth to their young by laying eggs. There were a lot of different kinds of dinosaurs, from giant plant-eaters that walked on four legs to fast, scary meat-eaters that ran on two legs.

No one knows exactly what kind of noises dinosaurs made or what colour they were. There are still many mysteries because all of the information we have comes from ancient footprints and bones. These are called fossils.



Allosaurus

Velociraptor

Compsognathus

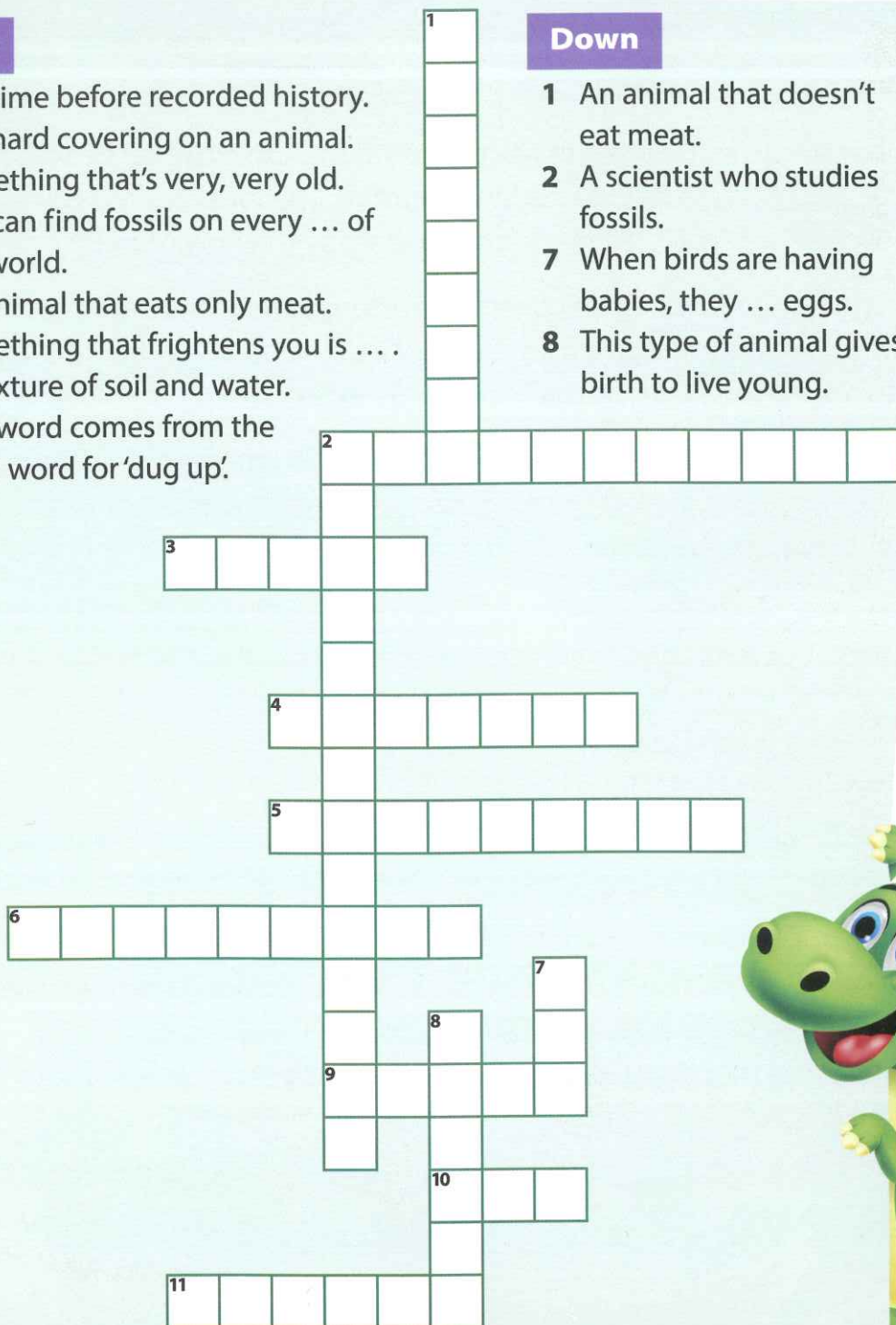
## 1 Read and complete the crossword puzzle.

## Across

- 2 The time before recorded history.  
 3 The hard covering on an animal.  
 4 Something that's very, very old.  
 5 You can find fossils on every ... of the world.  
 6 An animal that eats only meat.  
 9 Something that frightens you is ...  
 10 A mixture of soil and water.  
 11 This word comes from the Latin word for 'dug up'.

## Down

- 1 An animal that doesn't eat meat.  
 2 A scientist who studies fossils.  
 7 When birds are having babies, they ... eggs.  
 8 This type of animal gives birth to live young.



**2 Make sentences. Then choose True or False.**

1 appeared/Earth/million/Dinosaurs/ago./230/on/years

.....

True

False

2 were/dinosaurs/carnivores./All

.....

True

False

3 giant/Compsognathus/a/dinosaur./was

.....

True

False

4 live/gave/to/Dinosaurs/birth/young.

.....

True

False

5 legs./of/All/had/kinds/four/dinosaurs

.....

True

False

6 dinosaurs/from/Information/fossils./comes/about

.....

True

False

7 usually/rocks./fossils/in/find/People

.....

True

False

8 study/called/are/paleontologists./life/Scientists/that/prehistoric

.....

True

False

**3 Read and answer the questions.**

1 What does the word dinosaur mean?

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2 What size were some of the smaller dinosaurs?

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3 How did dinosaurs give birth to their young?

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4 How many types of fossils are there?

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5 What parts of the body are more likely to become fossils? Why?

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