

Reading tasks 2 and 3

Read the information and answer the questions

Diplodocus was one of the largest plant eating dinosaurs to live on earth. Its name means "double beam". This dinosaur had a very long tail with seventy vertebrae, ten vertebrae in his back and fifteen in his neck. Diplodocus lived during the Late Jurassic period and fossils have been found in the U.S.

1. Diplodocus lived during the _____ period.
2. Diplodocus like to eat (circle one) meat, plants, people.
3. This dinosaur had (circle one) 15, 75, 70 vertebrae in his tail.

Pachycephalosaurus had a thick skull, probably with spines and knobs on it. They are thought to have used their heads in battle with enemies. These dinosaurs lived during the late cretaceous period and their bones have been found in North America. These dinosaurs may have traveled in herds with a male in charge of the group.

1. Pachycephalosaurus lived during the _____ period.
2. Pachycephalosaurus had a nice, smooth head. (circle one) true false
3. A female dinosaur was probably in charge of the herd. (circle one) true false

Tyrannosaurus the "tyrant lizard" was one of the largest meat-eating dinosaurs to live in the Cretaceous Period. He is thought to be a predator as well as a scavenger. Although Tyrannosaurus weighed up to 7 tons and measured approximately 40 feet from head to tail, he had very small arms. Scientist believe that these arms were used for balance when this animal was trying to get up. The 7 inch teeth of the Tyrannosaurus were definitely his major weapon!

1. Tyrannosaurus lived during the _____ period.
2. The name Tyrannosaurus means (circle one) thunder lizard, tyrant lizard.
3. Tyrannosaurus liked to eat (circle one) fruit, meat, bugs.

Look up the following words and write a short definition on the line.

carnivore _____
herbivore _____
tyrant _____

Iguanodon, or "iguana tooth" was a large plant eater who was 30 feet long and stood 6 feet tall when on his hind legs. This dinosaur from the Early Cretaceous period had large thumb spikes, thought to be used for defense or possibly to pull branches off trees. Iguanodon could walk on its hind feet or on all fours and was a very good swimmer.

1. Iguanodon lived during the _____ period.
2. The name Iguanodon means (circle one) iguana lizard, iguana tooth, iguana head
3. Iguanodon liked to eat (circle one) other dinosaurs, fish, plants

This giant of a dinosaur, Brachiosaurus, grew to an amazing 82 feet long and 43 feet high! The front legs of this dinosaur grew to 6 1/2 feet, hence the nickname of "arm lizard". Brachiosaurus probably spent most of his time on land eating plants.

1. Brachiosaurus is nicknamed _____.
2. Brachiosaurus had 6 1/2 foot long (circle one) hind legs, front legs, tail
3. Brachiosaurus liked to eat (circle one) plants, fish, meat

Ankylosaurus was a rather small, stocky dinosaur who lived during the Cretaceous period. It would have been difficult for a carnosaur to attack an ankylosaurus due to the solid layer of bony ridges running down his back. With its small teeth and weak jaws, an ankylosaurus feasted on soft leafy plants.

1. Ankylosaurus lived during the _____ period.
2. The best defense an ankylosaurus had against meat eating dinosaurs was (circle one) speed, bony plates, strong teeth
3. Ankylosaurus liked to eat (circle one) other dinosaurs, fish, plants

Look up the following words and write a short definition on the line.

1. extinct _____
2. paleontologist _____
3. reptile _____