

# Dinosaurs in Africa

## Interesting Fact

There are many species of dinosaurs that are unique to Africa. Spinosaurus is one of the uniquely African dinosaurs. It was a huge, carnivorous dinosaur, bigger than T-rex! Spinosaurus means 'spine lizard'. It has long spines across its back which grew out of its back vertebrae. The spines were up to 2.1 meters long and were possibly connected to one another by skin to form a sail.



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## Challenge

Look at the table below that shows where dinosaurs were found in Africa. Use the numbers in the table to indicate where each dinosaur was discovered on the map below. Use the atlas to help you if you get stuck.

| Number on map | Dinosaur name       | Country of origin |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1             | Carcharodontosaurus | Algeria           |
| 2             | Nqwebasaurus        | South Africa      |
| 3             | Syntarsus           | Zimbabwe          |
| 4             | Massospondylus      | Namibia           |
| 5             | Heterodontosaurus   | South Africa      |
| 6             | Suchomimus          | Niger             |
| 7             | Jobaria             | Niger             |
| 8             | Lesothosaurus       | Lesotho           |
| 9             | Spinosaurus         | Egypt             |
| 10            | Paralititan         | Egypt             |

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|----|---------------|--------------|
| 11 | Nigersaurus   | Niger        |
| 12 | Dicraeosaurus | Tanzania     |
| 13 | Brachiosaurus | Tanzania     |
| 14 | Masiakasaurus | Madagascar   |
| 15 | Malawisaurus  | Malawi       |
| 16 | Antetonitris  | South Africa |
| 17 | Rugops        | Niger        |
| 18 | Paranthodon   | South Africa |
| 19 | Vorona        | Madagascar   |
| 20 | Ouranosaurus  | Niger        |



## Challenge

Write down a dinosaur name for each letter of the alphabet. Think of as many as you can first before researching on the Internet or using non-fiction books.

A \_\_\_\_\_ K \_\_\_\_\_ U \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

E \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_

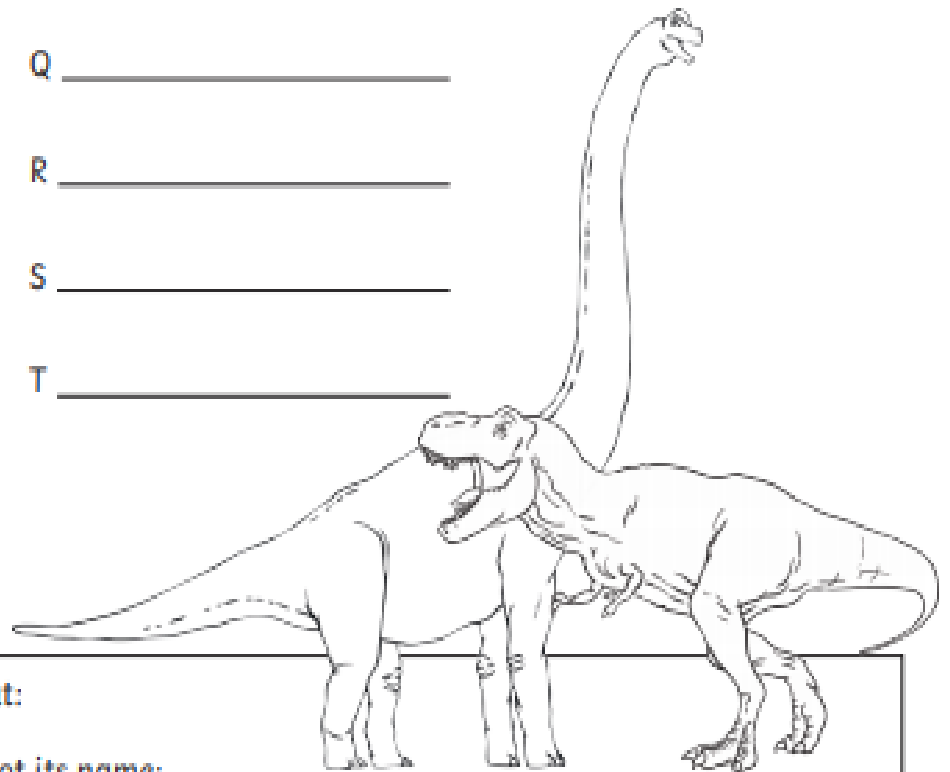
F \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ Z \_\_\_\_\_

G \_\_\_\_\_ Q \_\_\_\_\_

H \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

J \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_



You could also try to find out:

- how Quetzalcoatlus got its name;
- how long ago it lived;
- how it launched into flight;
- where its fossils have been found.

### Topic task 3 - Music

Listen to the backing track and try to learn this song. You could film yourself performing if you feel confident. If you can play an instrument, you could try to learn the tune? If you fancied a challenge, you could try to create your own dino-song!

## I'm a Giant T. Rex Song

(Sing to the tune of 'I'm a Little Teapot'.)

I'm a giant T. rex dinosaur!  
I wouldn't fit through,  
Your classroom door!  
When I'm getting hungry,  
Hear me roar!  
Eat-ing meat, I'm a carnivore!

I'm a giant T. rex dinosaur!  
With lots of teeth and  
Strong, pointy claws.  
But I am not living  
Anymore.  
I died out a long time before.

