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Dinosaur Dinners

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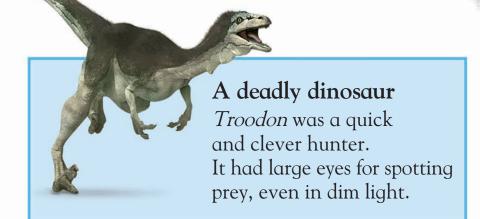


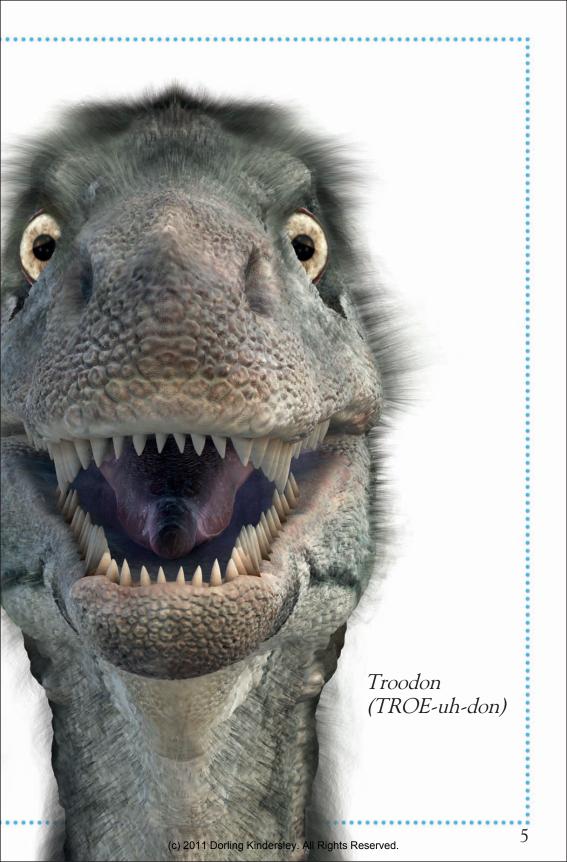


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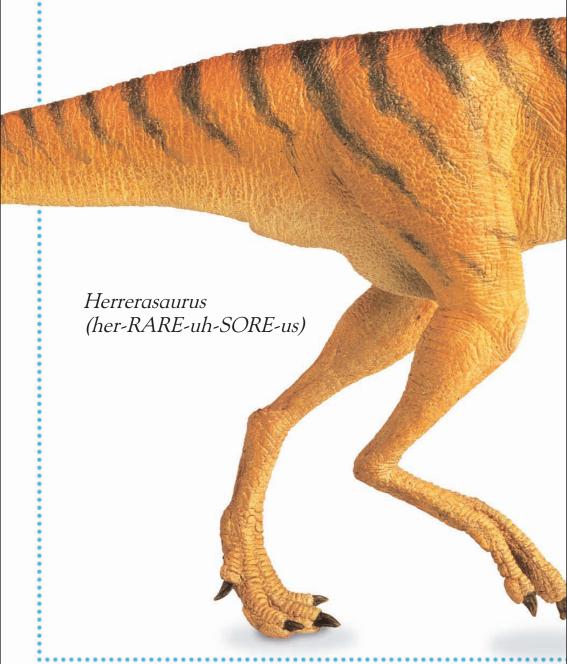
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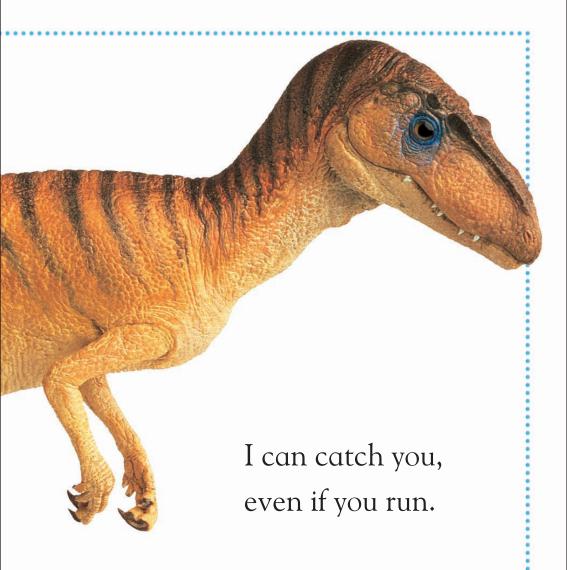
I can see you, wherever you are.



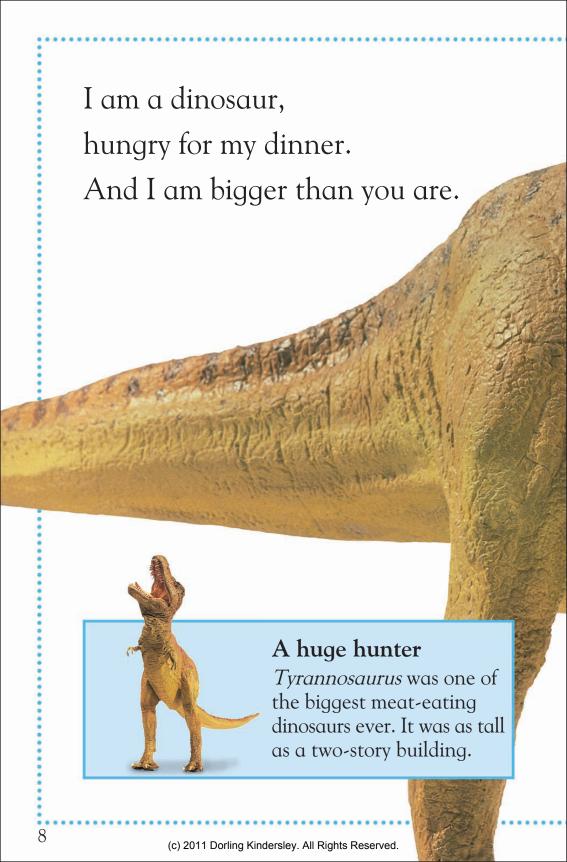


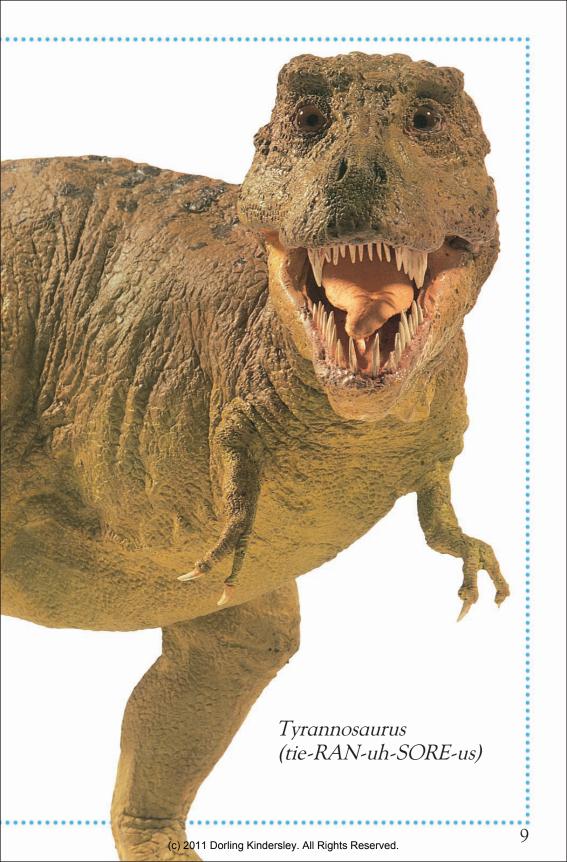
I am a dinosaur ready for my lunch.

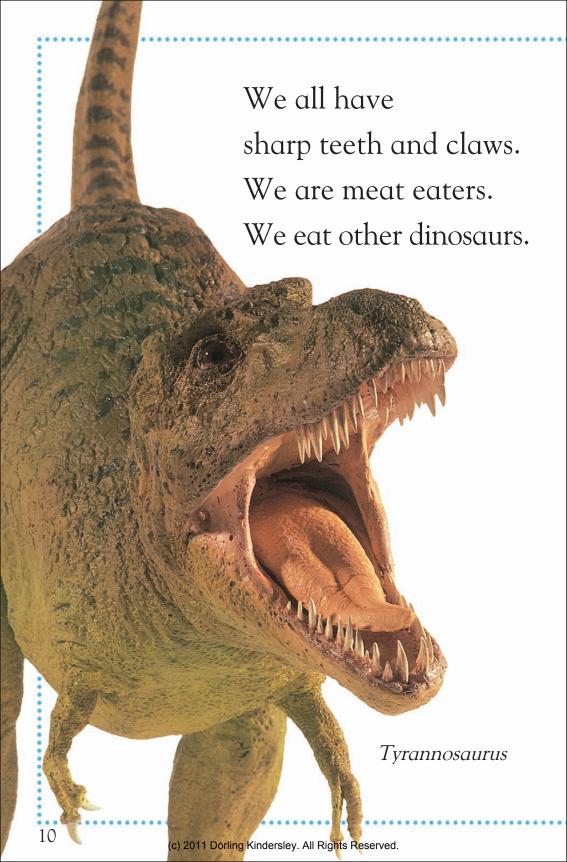


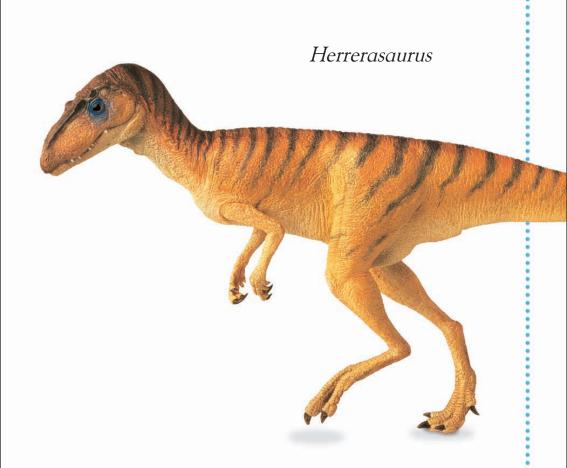


A speedy sprinter Herrerasaurus ran fast on its two back legs. It hunted small reptiles, such as lizards.



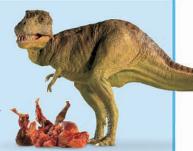






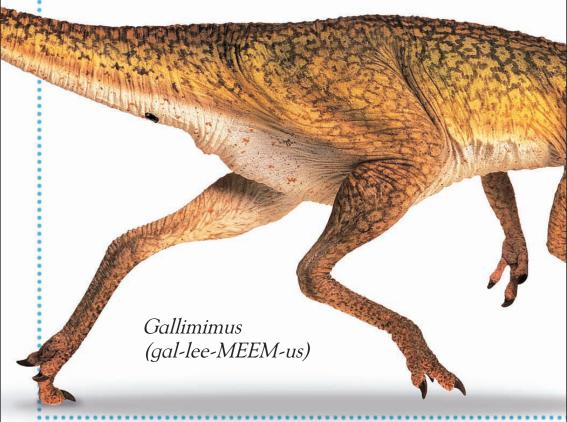
Hungry for meat

Meat-eating dinosaurs ate fish, insects, small mammals, reptiles, and other dinosaurs. They are called carnivores.



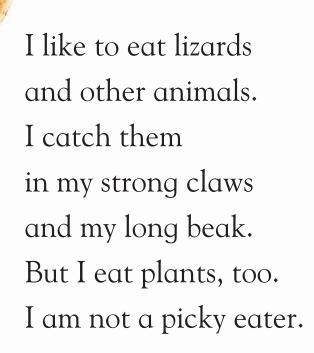
Eat or be eaten?
That is the dinosaur question.

I can run fast enough to get away from the big meat eaters.
I can also run fast enough to catch small animals.

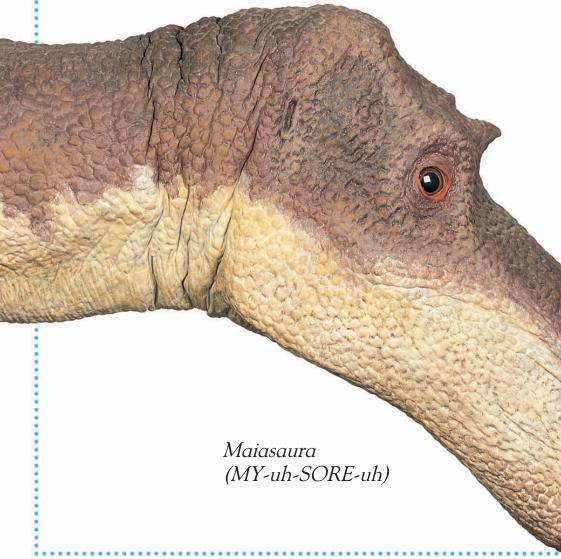


A mixed diet

Gallimimus snapped up leaves and small animals in its beak. It is called an omnivore because it ate both plants and meat.



I am a dinosaur
who eats nothing but plants.
I stay close to my babies
to protect them from meat eaters.

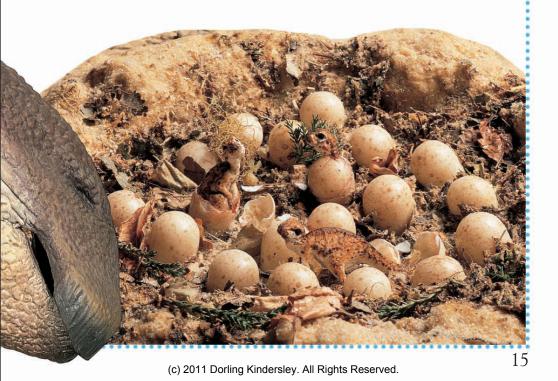


Eggs in a nest

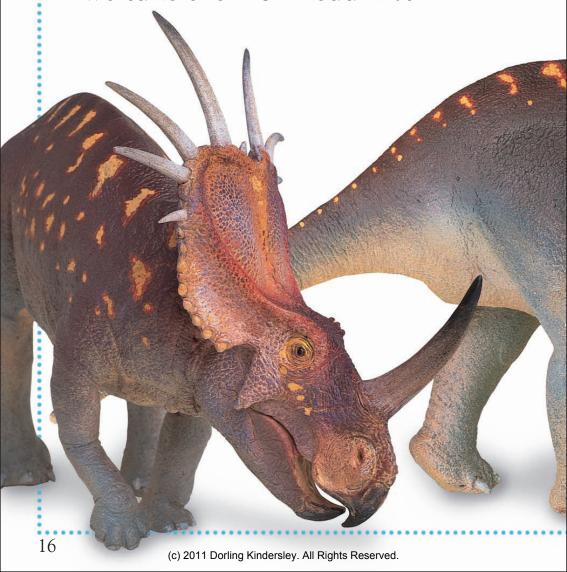
Dinosaurs laid eggs in nests on the ground. Their babies hatched out of the eggs, just like baby birds and crocodiles.

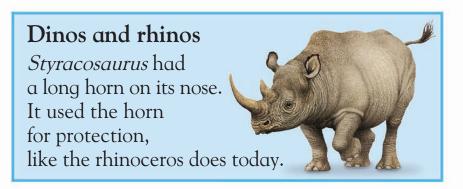
I made their nest from a mound of earth.

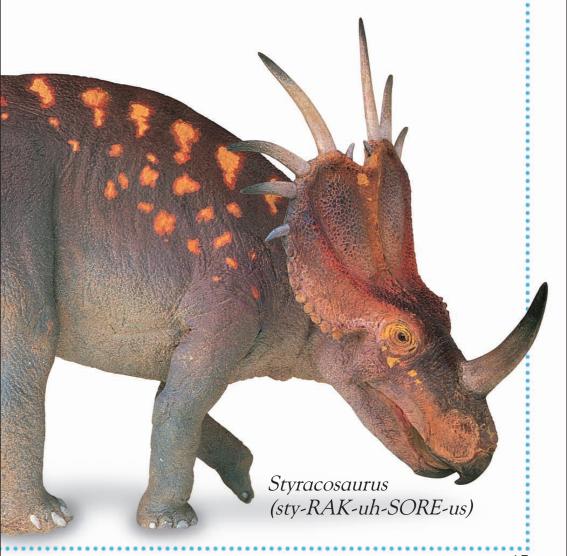
I bring leaves and berries for them to eat.

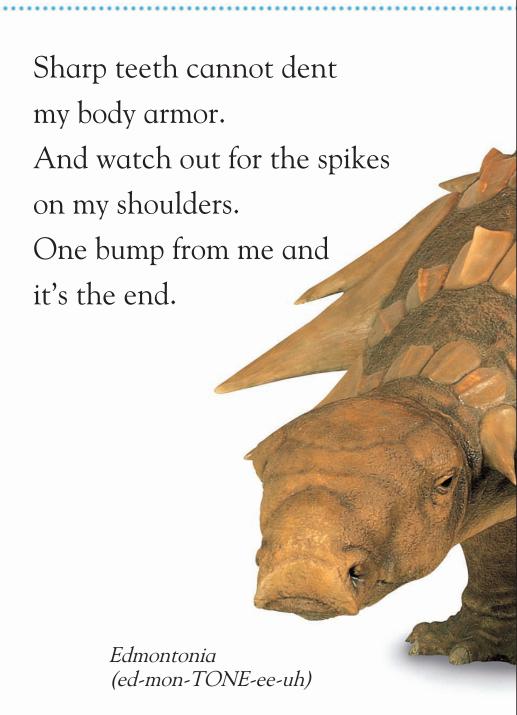


Dinosaurs that don't eat meat need protection from those that do. Our spikes are long and sharp. If meat eaters come too close, we take them on head first.





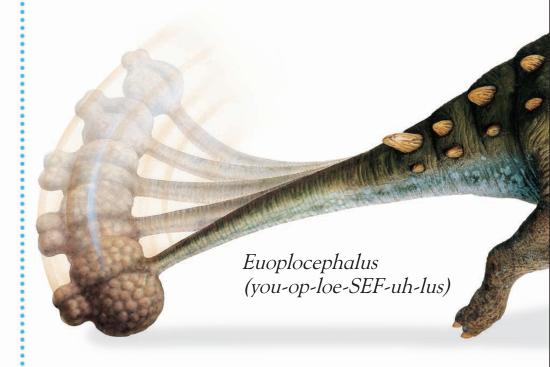






My skin is as hard as a rock. My body is covered in studs, spikes, and horns.

I swing the club
on the end of my tail.
It can break the legs
of the bigger dinosaurs.

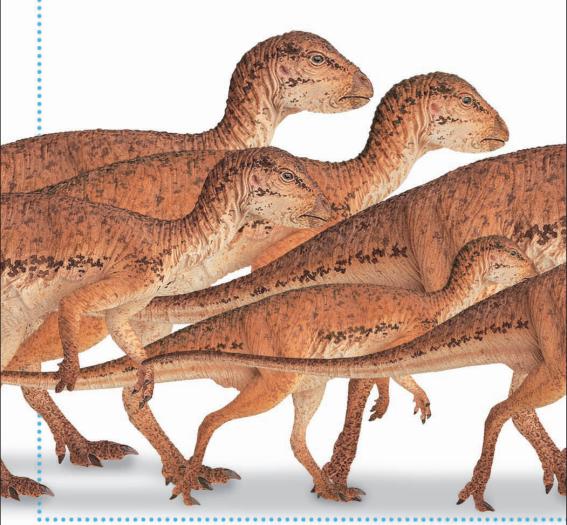




I am not very big, but I am dangerous.

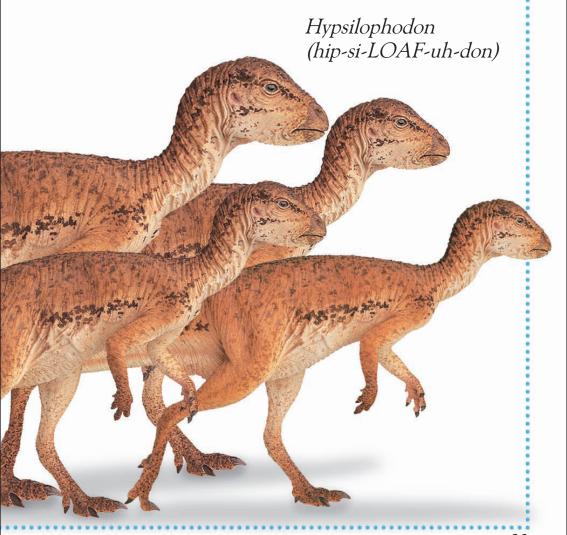


We are small but fast.
We eat plants that
grow close to the ground.



We live in a herd.

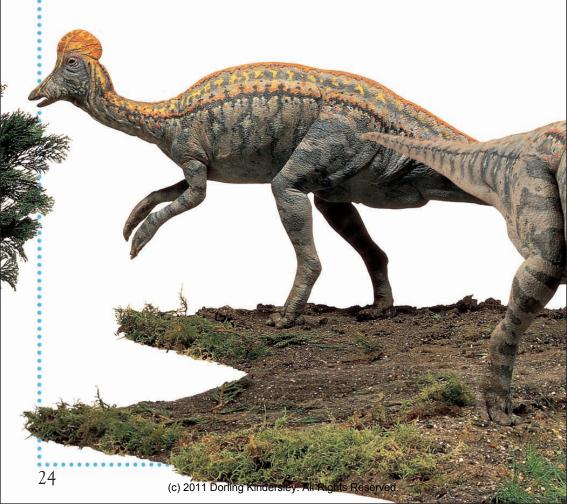
If one of us spots a meat eater,
we all zoom off
on our strong back legs.



We don't need special weapons.

If we smell danger,
we raise the alarm.

We use our head crests like trumpets
to make loud hooting calls.

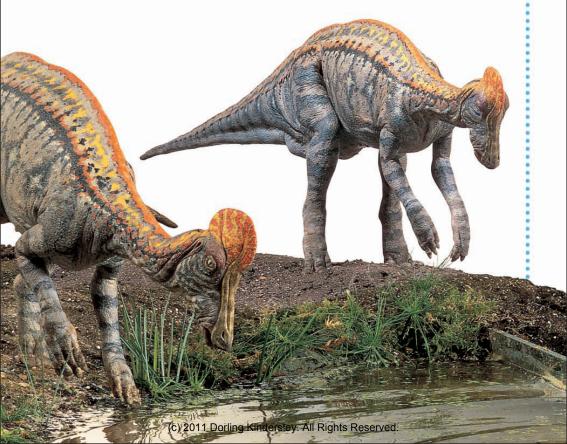


Fancy heads

Other dinosaurs had crests on their heads, too.
Often the males had bigger crests than the females.

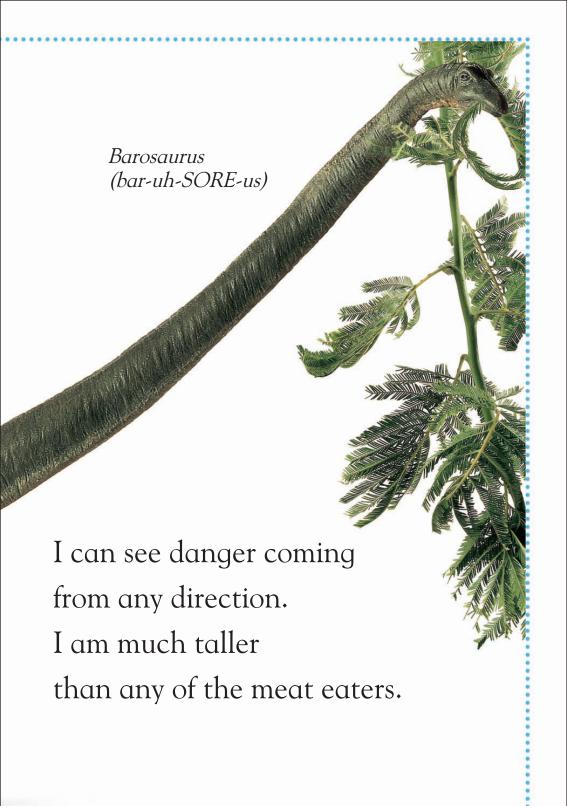
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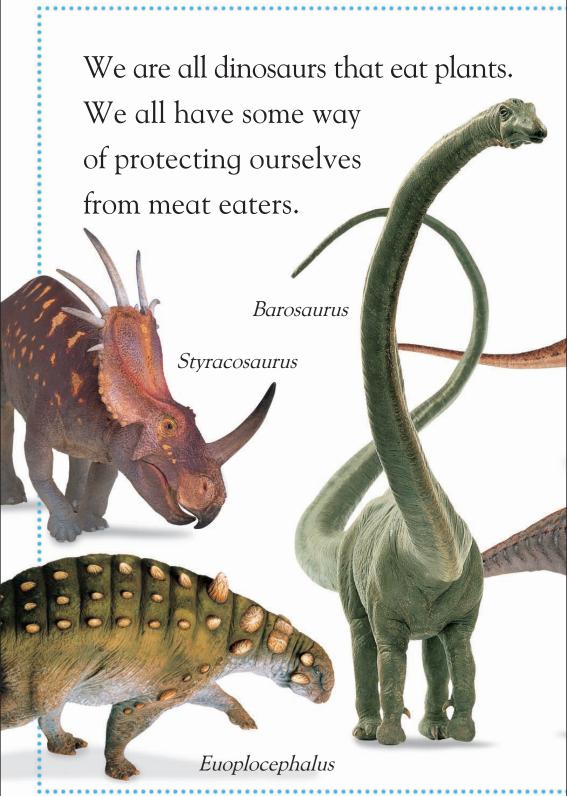
Corythosaurus (koe-rith-uh-SORE-us)



I look frightening because I am so big.

I need to eat
huge amounts of leaves
to keep myself going.
I use my long neck
to reach the leaves
at the tops of trees.

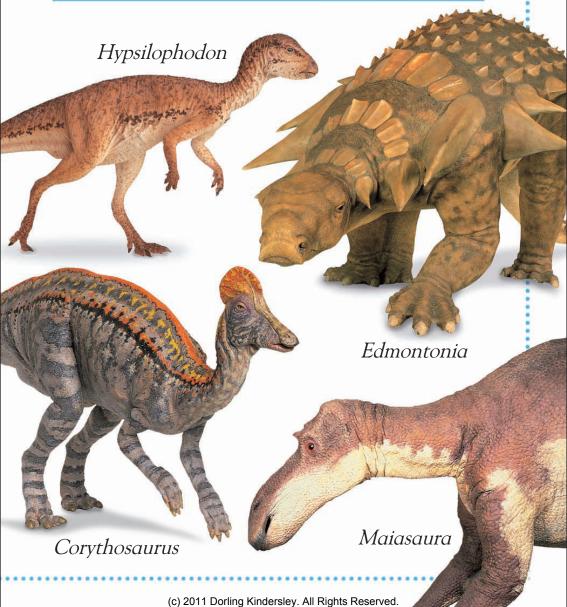




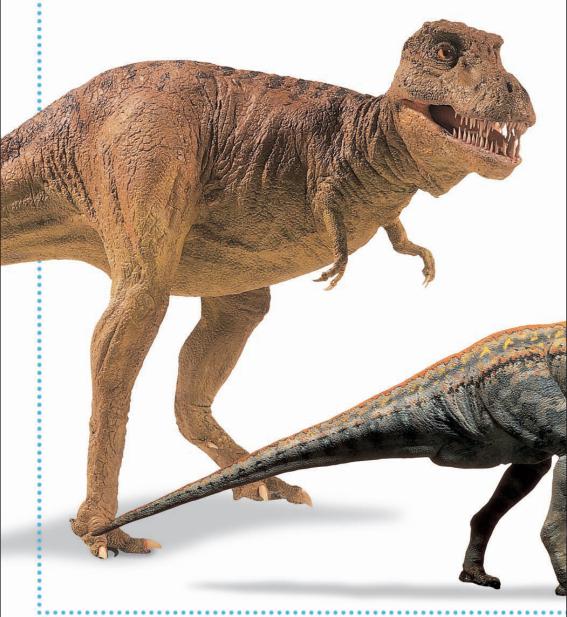
Plant lovers

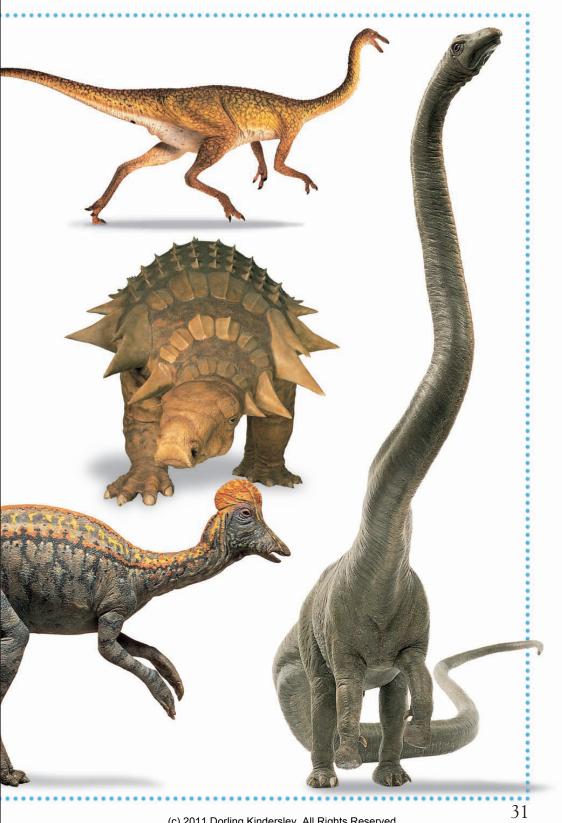
Animals that eat nothing but plants are called herbivores. Most of the dinosaurs were herbivores.





We are all dinosaurs.
What do we eat for dinner?





Dinosaur glossary

Barosaurus (bar-uh-SORE-us)

- name means "heavy lizard"
- a herbivore (plant eater)
- 89 feet (27 meters) long
- lived 150 million years ago

Corythosaurus (koe-rith-uh-SORE-us)

- name means "helmet lizard"
- a herbivore
- 33 feet (10 meters) long
- lived 75 million years ago

Edmontonia (ed-mon-TONE-ee-uh)

- name means "from Edmonton" (Canada)
- a herbivore
- 23 feet (7 meters) long
- lived 74-72 million years ago

Euoplocephalus (you-op-loe-SEF-uh-lus)

- name means "well-armored head"
- a herbivore
- 23 feet (7 meters) long
- lived 73 million years ago

Gallimimus (gal-lee-MEEM-us)

- name means "chicken mimic"
- an omnivore (plant and meat eater)
- 20 feet (6 meters) long
- lived 73 million years ago

Herrerasaurus (her-RARE-uh-SORE-us)

- name means "Herrera's lizard" after Victorino Herrera who discovered it
- a carnivore (meat eater)
- 10 feet (3 meters) long
- lived 228 million years ago

Hypsilophodon (hip-si-LOAF-uh-don)

- name means "high ridge tooth"
- a herbivore
- 7–8 feet (2–2.5 meters) long
- lived 120 million years ago

Maiasaura (MY-uh-SORE-uh)

- name means "good mother lizard"
- a herbivore
- 30 feet (9 meters) long
- lived 80-75 million years ago

Parasaurolophus (par-uh-sore-oh-LOAF-us)

- name means "beside ridge lizard"
- a herbivore
- 33 feet (10 meters) long
- lived 75–70 million years ago

Styracosaurus (sty-RAK-uh-SORE-us)

- name means "spiked lizard"
- a herbivore
- 18 feet (5.5 meters) long
- lived 75–72 million years ago

Troodon (TROE-uh-don)

- name means "wounding tooth"
- a carnivore
- 6 feet (2 meters) long
- lived 73-65 million years ago

Tyrannosaurus (tie-RAN-uh-SORE-us)

- name means "tyrant lizard"
- · a carnivore
- 39 feet (12 meters) long
- lived 67–65 million years ago

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