

Become a Dino Expert!

Ready for a fun scavenger hunt using the book *Dinosaurs*? Look through the book to find the answers to the questions, and show what you know about dinosaurs. Write your responses in the spaces provided. Ready, set, go!

Which is longer, a T. rex or a school bus?

Can you find the dinosaur with the longest name? Break its name into smaller parts. Then impress your friend by saying it quickly!

Whose head is smaller, an elephant's or a Stegosaurus'?

If *tri* means *three*, how many horns does a Triceratops have?

If you need a dinosaur to help you get a coconut, which type of dinosaur will you choose? Why?

How do Triceratops use their horns to stay safe?

Triceratops

Check for Understanding

- If you had to choose, which dinosaur from this book is your favorite? Why is it so cool?
- What facts about dinosaurs make your brain go wild with excitement?
- What questions do you still have about dinosaurs?
- Ready for more dinosaur fun? Head to your school or local library to grab another book—dig deeper into the world of dinosaurs!

Get ready for an adventure! Long ago, dinosaurs roamed the Earth in all sorts of shapes and sizes. Some moved quickly, while others moved slowly. With this exciting, nonfiction, fact-filled book, you can become an expert on dinosaurs!

? Before reading, you could ask ...

Take a close look at the cover! See the picture, photo, patterns, and different kinds of words. What do you notice?

Share with a friend or grown-up what you see, and guess what the book is about.

What do you already know about dinosaurs?

Have you read any dinosaur books or seen dinosaur movies?



October Family Reading Tip of the Month: Create a Home Library

Did you know that children who have easy access to books are more likely to read? Keep books in various areas of your house, and take some with you so a book is always available.

You can:

- Borrow books from the public library often.
- Swap books with friends and family.
- Collect books from second-hand stores, garage sales, and bookstores.

Easy access to books will help your child develop a love of reading!

Explore Exciting Text Features!

Get ready for an exciting journey with nonfiction books! They tell you about real things and true events. Authors use **text features** to help you learn more. In your *Dinosaurs* book, explore text features and discover lots of interesting information!

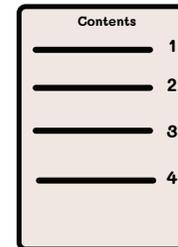
Text features are special things in a book, like headings, pictures, and captions that help you understand the information better.

Book Title



A **title** tells you what the book is called. Titles are on the front cover of a book. They use BIG, **bold** words.

Find the fancy title of the book. Copy the way the letters look in the title.



A **contents page** shows the chapters in the book and the page numbers where you will find them.

Find the contents page in the *Dinosaurs* book. Copy down one or two things that you see. If you were the author, what other chapters would you add? Let your imagination roar, and create your own chapters!

Contents

Authors are amazing writers, just like you! Sometimes you can find the author's name next to the words *written by* on the front cover.

Check out the front page. Who is the awesome author of this nonfiction book? Write down the author's name.

Book Title

Author's Name

Glossary

discover: if you discover something, you find it or learn about it for the first time.

expert: An expert is someone who knows a huge amount of information about something.

The **glossary** lists important words from the book in alphabetical order and explains what the words mean.

Explore the back of the book. Find the glossary, and discover two new and interesting words. Explain what they mean. Don't keep it to yourself—tell a friend what you have learned.

Dynamic Dinosaur Words

Nonfiction books are full of cool new words. Get creative and have fun with some words from the book. Practice using the words to make your very own sentences. Write them down!



munch (p. 9)

When someone or something **munches** on something, they chew it. Dinosaurs with long necks could stretch up high to **munch** on tree leaves.

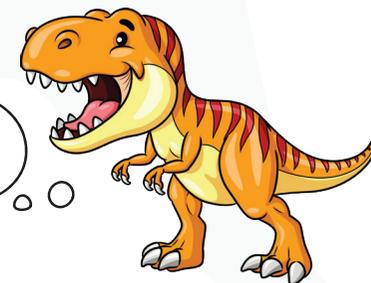
discovered (p. 19)

If you **discover** something, you find it or learn about it for the first time. Scientists **discovered**, or found, dinosaur fossils in North America.



powerful (p. 20)

Something that is **powerful** has a lot of strength. Dinosaurs that lived long ago were **powerful** because they were big and strong.



expert (p. 21)

An **expert** is someone who knows a huge amount of information about something. A dinosaur **expert** is a person who knows a great deal of information about dinosaurs.

What is a Paleontologist?

