

Reading practise:

Billy's Sunflower

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Billy had a beautiful sunflower that he'd grown from a seed.

It was taller than Billy. It was taller than his big sister Laura. It was taller than his mum. It was even taller than his dad.



Every day Billy looked at its bright green leaves. Every day he admired its golden yellow petals. Every day he looked up at its tall straight stem.

"My flower is as tall as the sky," he told his friends.

Practice questions

A What did Billy grow from a seed?

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a daisy

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a rose

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a sunflower

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a buttercup

B How tall was Billy's sunflower?

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C Who else was in the story with Billy?

Tick 3

Ben

Mum

Laura

Dan

Dad

Louise

So Many Sunflowers!

In the story, Billy had fun growing a sunflower in his garden.

Now you are going to read two sets of information. First you will read about an artist called Vincent Van Gogh who was famous for his pictures of sunflowers. Then you will find some instructions about how to make a paper sunflower.



Practice questions

A What is the name of the artist you will read about?

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B What are the instructions for?

☐ making a paper
sunflower

☐ making a newspaper

☐ making a cake

☐ making a paper poppy

Fred's Odd Pet

It was Bring Your Pet to School Day and Fred was really excited. The prize for the Most Interesting Pet was a family ticket to the fair. Fred couldn't wait. He had never brought his pet to school before. Nan had always said it was a bad idea.

Fred wasn't sure why she would think that.



Practice Questions

a. How is Fred feeling?

Circle **one** answer.

nervous

angry

excited

worried

b. What was the prize for the Most Interesting Pet?

Tick **one**.

a new pet to take home

☐

tickets to the fair

☐

a golden trophy

☐

three days off school

☐

Zainab went first. "This is Peggy," she said. "She loves eating seeds, sitting on her perch and cleaning her feathers. She's very friendly."

Zainab let everyone stroke Peggy, as long as they promised to be very gentle.

Next, it was Logan's turn. "This is Ronald," Logan said, holding a fluffy white rabbit.



Everybody giggled as Ronald hopped around at the front of the class. He nibbled Mrs Taylor's shoe which made her laugh.

'How funny!' Mrs Taylor said.

1. What kind of animal do you think Peggy is?

Why do you think that?



1 mark

2. Who brought a rabbit into school?

Tick **one**.

Zainab

☐

Ronald

☐

Mrs Taylor

☐

Logan

☐


1 mark

Fred raced home from school.

'How was school today?' asked Nan, as Fred opened his bag in the kitchen. Drake ran outside to play in the garden with Kane the dog.

'It was good. I got to meet some interesting pets,' replied Fred. 'But none were quite as interesting as Drake!'



Fred reached into his school bag and pulled out a golden envelope. He held it out towards Nan.

'You'll never guess what I won,' said Fred.

5. What do you think was inside the golden envelope?



1 mark

6. **Number** the following events from **1 to 5** to show the order that they happened in the story.

The first one has been done for you.

Zainab showed Peggy to the class.

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Fred was excited to go to school.

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Fred showed Drake to the class.

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Nan asked Fred how his day had been.

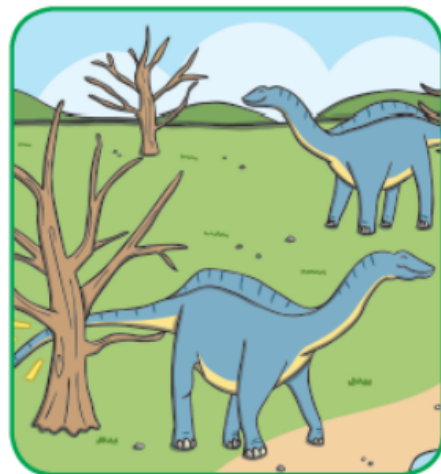
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Ronald nibbled Mrs Taylor's shoe.

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1 mark

ROAR!



Dinosaurs lived long ago.
How much more do you think you know?

They had big heads but their brains were small;
Some were the size of a bouncy ball!

Some ate plants and some ate meat.
Some were scary, others quite sweet.

Most had feathers or scaly skin,
Some had spikes or spines built in.

7. Put ticks in the table to show which sentences are **true** and which are **false**.

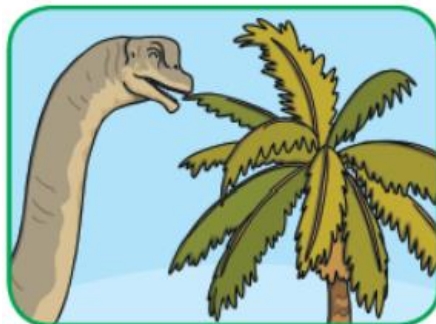
Sentence	True	False
Dinosaurs are alive now.		
Some dinosaurs had feathers.		
Dinosaurs had small heads.		
All dinosaurs were scary.		

8. **Find** and **copy** two things that a dinosaur might eat.

- _____
- _____

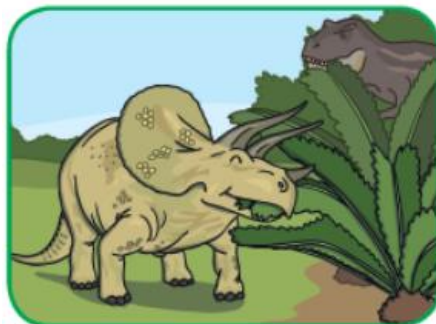
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Here is a list of some dinosaurs,
Like the huge T. rex with its
terrifying jaws...

Stegosaurus had big plates on its
back,
With a spiky tail that it liked to
whack!



Triceratops had three long horns,
With a shield on its neck like a
crown of thorns.

Iguanodon munched on tall, crisp
trees.
It could reach the top with
incredible ease.

9. Which dinosaur had a spiky tail?

Tick **one**.

Iguanodon ☐

Triceratops ☐

Stegosaurus ☐

T. rex ☐



1 mark

10. *It could reach the top with incredible ease*

Why do you think this is?



1 mark



Velociraptor hunted in large packs,
Little beasts were its favourite
snacks!

Titanosaur was the biggest yet;
It was heavier than a jumbo jet!

What else did dinosaurs have in
store?
Don't forget their mighty...

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11. Which dinosaur was 'the biggest yet'?



1 mark

12. Titanosaur was heavier than a...

Tick **one**.

rocket



submarine



volcano



jumbo jet



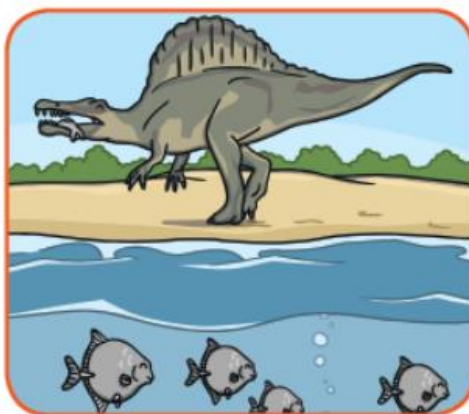
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Super Spinosaurus

Say this dinosaur's name like this: **spine-oh-sor-us**.

The Spinosaurus may have been the largest meat-eating dinosaur ever to have lived on Earth. They were even bigger than a T. rex!

Scientists think that they were around as long as three elephants and weighed about the same as 15 cars.



13. Which dinosaur was the Spinosaurus bigger than?



1 mark

14. Do you think that the Spinosaurus was light or heavy?

Tick **one**.

light



heavy



Explain why you think that.



2 marks

Did You Know...?

- The word Spinosaurus means 'spine lizard'.
- It was a carnivore. This means that it ate meat.
- It lived in North Africa millions of years ago.
- It had a long jaw full of sharp teeth, just like a crocodile.
- It walked on land and also swam in water. This means that it could catch fish and sharks to eat, as well as eating other dinosaurs.
- It had a longer jaw and claws than the T. rex but the T. rex had a stronger bite.



15. *It was a carnivore.*

The word *carnivore* means...

Tick **one**.

something that has spines

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an animal with sharp teeth

☐

a creature that eats meat

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something that can swim and walk

☐☐

1 mark

16. Why do you think this dinosaur is called a 'spine lizard'?

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1 mark

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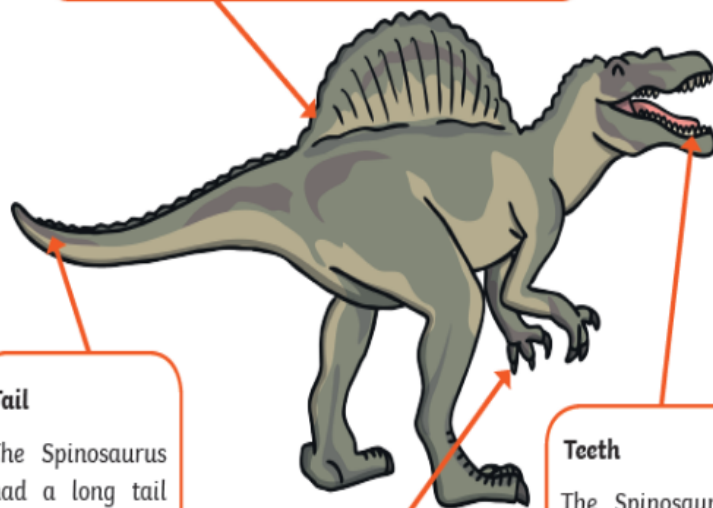
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Let's explore what the Spinosaurus is thought to have looked like:

Spines

Long spines grew on its back. Each spine was about two metres long. The spines were joined together with skin. They looked like a sail on a ship.

Scientists think that the spines may have been used to scare off other dinosaurs because it made Spinosaurus look even bigger!



Tail

The Spinosaurus had a long tail which helped it to balance. It may also have been used to hit other dinosaurs with!

Claws

This fierce dinosaur had huge claws for ripping and shredding its food.

Teeth

The Spinosaurus used its long, sharp teeth for catching fish and eating its prey.

17. Complete the table with the parts of a Spinosaurus' body and what they were used for.

Body Part	Used For
Claws	
Tail	
	Catching fish and eating its prey.
	Scaring off other dinosaurs and making the Spinosaurus look bigger.