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# Dinosaur Explorer

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## Diplodocus

Diplodocus was one of the biggest dinosaurs, but also one of the gentlest.

It was the size of a house and had a tiny head at the end of a long neck.

The main food of Diplodocus was leaves and twigs. It spent all its time eating, to feed its enormous body.

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How big was Diplodocus?



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## Triceratops

Three horns on the head of Triceratops made it look very fierce, like a rhinoceros.

It was a plant-eater, and used its horns to fight off meat-eaters like Tyrannosaurus.

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How big was Triceratops?



Triceratops was one of the last of the dinosaurs.

All dinosaurs are now extinct.

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What do you think?



Which dinosaur was as big as a house?

Can you remember which was the fiercest dinosaur?



Can you name two dinosaurs that start with the letter 'T'?



Which dinosaur had a brightly coloured sail on its back?



## Glossary



**Brain** – the part of the head that people and animals use to think.



**Dinosaur** – a type of animal that lived a long time ago.



**Enemy** – somebody or something that tries to hurt another.



**Extinct** – when a type of animal has died out.



**Fierce** – frightening and dangerous.



**Sail** – a big fin made of bones and covered in skin.



**Signalling** – sending messages to other animals.

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