



Upper KS1/Lower KS2 (SATS style) Reading Comprehension Booklet 9



Name.....

Useful words

Seismosaurus

Diplodocus

Brachiosaurus

Brachiosaurid

Lesothosaurus

Troodon

Tyrannosaurus Rex

Utahraptor

Ornithomimids

Dromiceiomimus

Sauropod

Sauroposeidon

fossilised

stereoscopic

vicious

intelligent

fiercest

Dinosaur Facts



Dinosaurs ruled the Earth for more than 160 million years - way before humans existed. They were truly astonishing creatures.

Read on to find learn some amazing facts about these fascinating reptiles.

Questions

1 How long ago did dinosaurs rule the Earth?

Tick one.

160 years

160 thousand years

16 years

160 million years

2 Who existed first- humans or dinosaurs?

The Longest Dinosaur

The longest dinosaur was **Seismosaurus**, which measured over 40 metres, as long as five double-decker buses. It was related to diplodocus, which we used to think was the longest dinosaur.

The Heaviest Dinosaur

The heaviest dinosaur was **Brachiosaurus** at 80 tonnes (about the same weight as 17 African Elephants). **Brachiosaurus** was 16 metres tall and 26 metres long and is the largest dinosaur skeleton to be displayed in a museum.

3 Which was the longest dinosaur?

Tick **one**.

Seismosaurus

Tyrannosaurus

Brachiosaurus

The African Elephant

4 Before bones of Seismosaurus were discovered, which dinosaur was believed to be the longest?

The Smallest Dinosaur

The smallest fully-grown fossil dinosaur was the little bird-like plant-eater called **Lesothosaurus**, which was only the size of a chicken. Smaller fossilised examples have been found, but these are of baby dinosaurs.

The Cleverest Dinosaur

One of the most intelligent dinosaurs was **Troodon**. It was a hunting dinosaur, about 2 metres long. It had stereoscopic vision (each eye sees a similar but slightly different image) and grasping hands.

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Lesothosaurus was about the same size as which animal?

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What two things made Troodon an excellent hunter?

The Fiercest Dinosaur

Tyrannosaurus Rex looked the most ferocious of all the dinosaurs, but because of its sneakiness, determination and its variety of vicious claws, it was **Utahraptor** that was probably the fiercest of all. **Utahraptor** measured about 7 metres, and was a very powerful, acrobatic and intelligent predator.

The Fastest Running Dinosaur

The speediest dinosaurs were the ostrich-like **ornithomimids** such as **Dromiceiomimus** which could probably run at speeds of up to 60 kilometres per hour.

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What kind of predator was a Utahraptor

Tick one.

A fast runner with sharp claws.

A flying dinosaur with sharp teeth.

A very powerful, acrobatic and intelligent predator.

A slow and lazy dinosaur.

8

The ornithomimids were like which bird?

The Tallest Dinosaur

The tallest dinosaurs were the **Brachiosaurid** group of **sauropods**. Their front legs were longer than their rear legs giving them a giraffe-like stance. This, as well as their extremely long necks, meant they could eat from the tallest trees. **Brachiosaurus** - the most well known of the group - was 13 metres tall. **Sauroposeidon** (a relative of **Brachiosaurus**) was massive and probably grew to 18.5 metres tall making it the tallest dinosaur.

9 Which was the tallest dinosaur?

Tick one.

Seismosaurus

Sauroposeidon

Tyrannosaurus Rex

Brachiosaurus

10

Because of their long necks, which food could Sauroposeidon eat?

How many types of dinosaur were there?

At present over 700 different species of dinosaurs have been identified and named. However palaeontologists (a scientist who studies fossils) believe that there are many more new and different dinosaur species still to be discovered.

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What is a palaeontologist?

Useful words

tropical

region

crater

ferocious

Ferocisaurus

demolishing

terrorise

The Last Dinosaurs



In a lost land of tropical forests, on top of the only mountain in the region, trapped inside an old volcanic crater system, lived the last ever pack of large, ferocious dinosaurs.

For thousands and thousands of years they had survived all the changes on Earth, and now, led by the great Ferocisaurus, they were planning to come out of hiding and to rule the world once more.

12 Where did the dinosaurs live?

Tick one.

in a deep, dark cave

inside an old volcanic crater system

on the edge of the jungle

on a tropical island

13 What were the dinosaurs planning to do?

Ferocisaurus was an awesome Tyrannosaurus Rex who had decided they had spent too much time hidden from the rest of the world. So, over a few years, the dinosaurs worked together, demolishing the walls of the great crater. When the work was done, all the dinosaurs carefully sharpened their claws and teeth, in readiness to terrorise the world once again.

14

What kind of dinosaur was Ferocisaurus?

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What did the dinosaurs do in readiness to terrorise the world?

Tick **one**.

gathered up their weapons

hid in a cave

sharpened their claws and teeth

got their friends to help them

On leaving their home of thousands of years, everything was new to the dinosaurs and very different from what they had been used to inside the crater. However, the dinosaurs continued on, determined to complete their mission.

Finally, from the tops of some mountains, they spotted a small town. Its houses and townsfolk seemed like tiny dots. Never having seen human beings before, the dinosaurs leapt down the mountainside, ready to destroy everything that stood in their way...

However, as they approached the little town, the houses seemed to grow bigger...and bigger...and BIGGER! In fact, when the dinosaurs finally arrived, it turned out that the houses were at least twenty times bigger than the dinosaurs and the humans were enormous too "Yikes," said Ferocosaurus, "We're in the land of the giants!"

Just as the dinosaurs were having second thoughts about their plan and wondering if it might be best to go back to the mountain crater, a family from town spotted them.

16

Which word describes the size of the humans?

Tick one.

bigger

enormous

tiny

small

17

What were the dinosaurs planning to do?

"Dad, look! What on Earth are these?" said Danny as he pointed to the pack of tiny dinosaurs, "They're so cute." Dad stopped in his tracks, "They're certainly unusual."

"Can we take them home" pleaded Danny "and keep them as pets? I promise I'll look after them."

Dad said, as long as he kept his promise, that would be okay.

18Why did Dad stop in his tracks?

19

What did Danny promise to do?

Tick one.

be good

look after the dinosaurs

help his mum

brush his teeth before
bedtime

So, Ferocisaurus and his friends ended up living with Danny and his family. Dad made them a beautiful hutch and Danny fed them, played with them, exercised them and looked after them just as he had promised.

The mini-dinosaurs were really contented in their new home and lived happy and peaceful lives. They truly felt at home in their new surroundings and never missed their cold, dark and smelly crater.

20Why do you think the dinosaurs were happy in their new home?



Ten Dancing Dinosaurs



Ten dancing dinosaurs in a chorus line
One fell and split her skirt, then there were nine.



Nine dancing dinosaurs at a village fete
One was raffled as a prize, then there were eight.



Eight dancing dinosaurs on a pier in Devon
One fell overboard, then there were seven.

Seven dancing dinosaurs performing magic tricks
One did a vanishing act, then there were six.

Six dancing dinosaurs learning how to jive
One got twisted in a knot, then there were five.



Five dancing dinosaurs gyrating on the floor
One crashed through the floorboards, then there
were four.



Four dancing dinosaurs waltzing in the sea
A mermaid kidnapped one, then there were three.

Three dancing dinosaurs head-banging in a zoo
One knocked himself out, then there were two.



Two dancing dinosaurs rocking round the sun
One collapsed from sunstroke, then there was one.



One dancing dinosaur climbed aboard a plane,
Flew off to Alaska and was never seen again.

By John Foster



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What happened to one of the dinosaurs in Devon?

Tick **one**.

fell overboard

got twisted in a knot

split her skirt

collapsed from sunstroke

22

In the poem, which word rhymes with 4? What do you notice about the spelling of these two words which sound the same?

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Where did the last dinosaur fly to?
