

DINOS A to Z

Learn
BRIGHT

TYPES OF DINOSAURS

High-Interest Reading Comprehension



GRADE **2-4**

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Dinos A to Z: Types of Dinosaurs

¹You know that there are lots of different dinosaurs! What's your favorite? Did you know that we can **classify** dinosaurs? Classify means to put things in order.

²For example, do you like LEGO®? LEGO® bricks come in different colors, shapes, and sizes. You combine all the same shapes to make them easier to work with. Then, you arrange the same shapes by colors. You classify your LEGO® bricks by shapes and colors!

CLASSIFICATION	DESCRIPTION & EXAMPLE
Ankylosaurs	Armored dinosaurs (Ankylosaurus)
Ceratopsians	Horned dinosaurs (Triceratops)
Feathered Dinosaurs	Small feathered theropods (Archaeopteryx)
Hadrosaurs	Duck-billed dinosaurs (Charonosaurus)
Ornithomimids	Bird-mimic omnivorous dinosaurs (Struthiomimus)
Ornithopods	Small plant-eating three-toe dinosaurs (Tenontosaurus)
Pachycephalosaurs	Thick-bone-skulled dinosaurs (Prenocephale)
Prosauropods	Small to medium plant-eating dinos (Plateosaurus)
Raptors	Feared carnivores (Velociraptor)
Sauropods	Large herbivores (Brontosaurus)
Stegosaurs	Spiked dinosaurs (Stegosaurus)
Theropods	Carnivorous dinosaurs (Allosaurus)
Titanosaurs	Most giant plant-eating dinos (Argentinosaurus)
Therizinosaurus	Odd look, primarily omnivores (Falcarius)
Tyrannosaurs	Powerful carnivores (T-Rex)

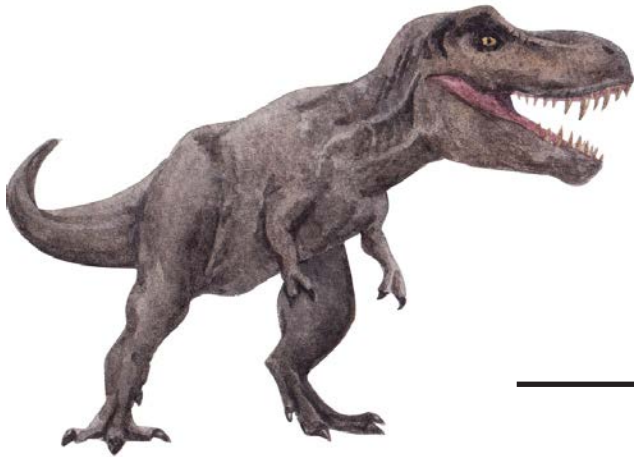
³Why do we classify things? We do it to understand how they are connected. Classifying helps us spot similarities and differences more easily. By organizing things, we can find what we need faster. Can you think of something you've classified before?

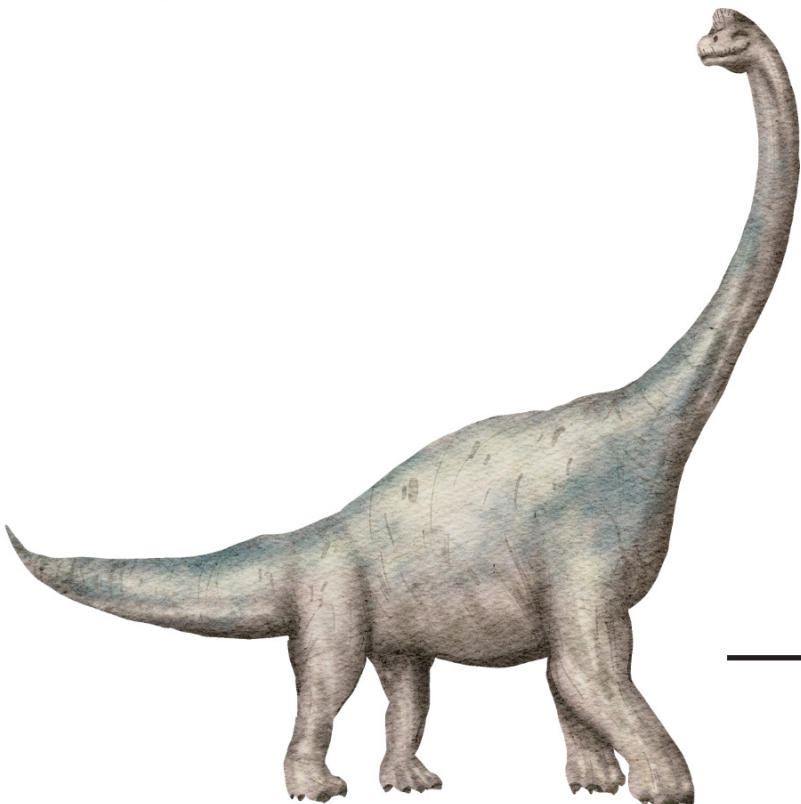


DINOSAUR CLASSIFICATION

Instructions: Read the Dinosaur Classification chart. Then, write the name of the classification you think matches the picture. More than one answer can be correct! (Answers at the bottom of the Practice Page)









Practice

Name _____ Date _____



Instructions: What did you learn? Answer the questions based on what you read.

1) What does classify mean?

2) Why do we classify things?

3) Give an example of something you classified at your home.

4) The study of birds is called ornithology. What do you think the prefix *orni-* means?

- a. dinosaur b. fish c. reptile d. bird

5) Which dinosaur classifications have bird-like traits? (Two answers!)

Activity Answers: 1. Ankylosaurs (Ankylosaurus), 2. Tyrannosaurs or Theropod (T-Rex), 3. Sauropod or Titanosaur (Brontosaurus)