



Be a Dinosaur Detective

A collection of dinosaur games and activities for 4 to 7 year old dinosaur detectives.



Activity 1 Dinosaur Discovery!

Time: 15-20 mins

Skills: creating, describing, communicating



Activity 2 Dinosaur matching game

Time: 15-20 mins

Skills: observing, sorting, measuring



Activity 3 Make a dinosaur

Time: 10-15 mins

Skills: observing, sorting

Ages 4-7

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Dinosaur Discovery!

Congratulations! You are a palaeontologist who has just discovered a new dinosaur.

Draw and describe your dinosaur here.



Name:

Size:

Teeth and food:

Special features:





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Dinosaur matching game

1. Cut out the cards and mix them up.
2. Match each dinosaur to its description.
3. Sort the dinosaurs into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
4. Sort the dinosaurs from shortest to longest. Use a tape measure to measure out the actual lengths of the dinosaurs.



6

I have a bony crest on my head and feathers.

I have a beak but no teeth.

I eat plants and small animals.

I am about 2 metres long.

Triceratops



2

I have short arms and long back legs.

I have 60 sharp teeth.

I eat other animals.

I am about 12 metres long.

Tyrannosaurus rex



4

I have a very long neck.

I have blunt teeth.

I eat leaves from tall trees.

I am about 20 metres long and up to 16 metres tall.

Microraptor



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1
I have horns on my head
and a frill around my neck.

I have a horny beak
and cutting teeth.

I eat palm leaves.

I am about 9 metres long.



Brachiosaurus

3
I have wings on my
front and back legs.

I have small, sharp,
pointed teeth.

I eat fish, insects and
other small animals.

I am only about 1 metre long.



Ankylosaurus

5
I have bony plates and
spikes on my body and a
bony club at the end of my tail.

I have grinding teeth
and a horny beak.

I eat plants.

I am about 7 metres long.



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Make a dinosaur

1. Cut out the fossils. Stick them back together to make a dinosaur.
2. Stick dry pasta onto your dinosaur.
3. The pasta looks like real bones!

