

Meet the dinosaur record-breakers!



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Discover the dinosaurs who were number one at being the speediest, the longest or the most ferocious that roamed the Earth!

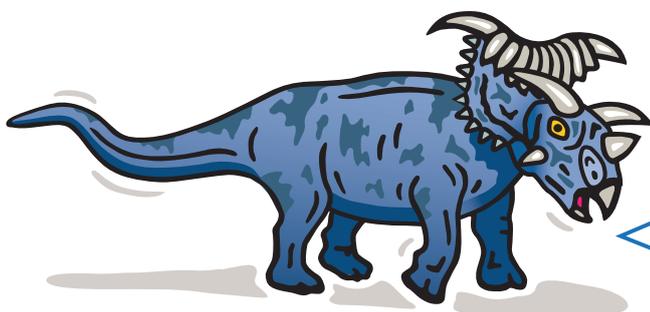
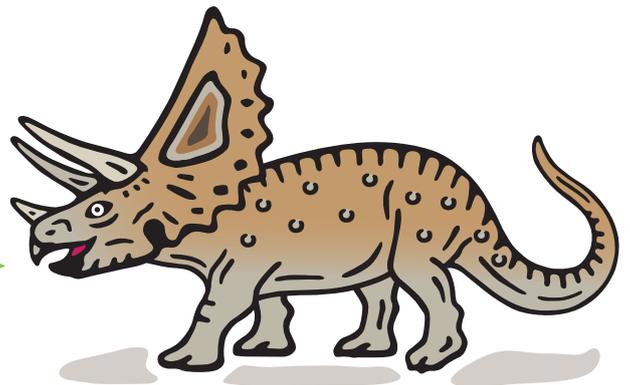


Largest

Hi, I'm *Argentinosaurus* (*are-gen-TEEN-oh-SAWR-us*). I'm as long as three buses. My feet are so enormous that a whole class – plus the teacher – could fit into one of my footprints!

Biggest head

Just look at the size of my head – I'm *Torosaurus* (*toro-SAWR-us*) and my skull's a whopping 2.77 metres long! I think I'm very impressive with my beautiful display crest.



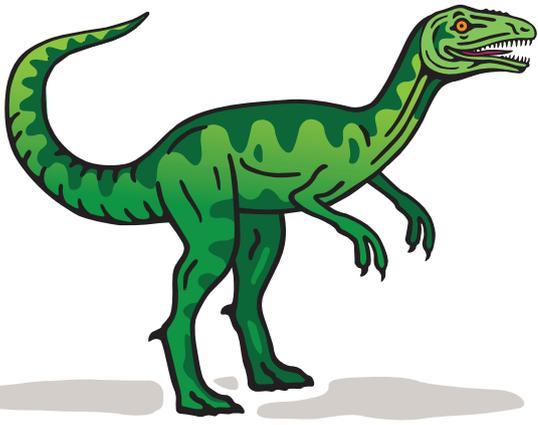
Most horns

Ha, my crest is even *more* spectacular! My name's *Kosmocerotops* (*KOS-moe-SERRA-tops*) and I have 15 fabulous horns and spikes decorating my head.

Smallest

Size isn't everything! I'm *Anchiornis* (*ANG-kee-OR-nis*) and weigh just 120 grams, about the same as a hamster. Although I look like a bird, I'm actually a feathered dinosaur and use my wings to glide from tree to tree.



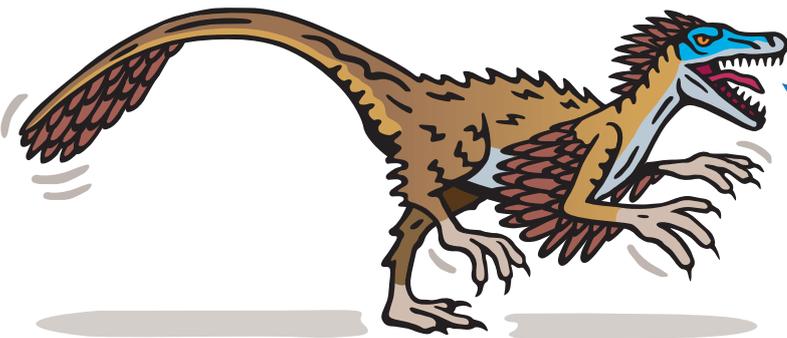
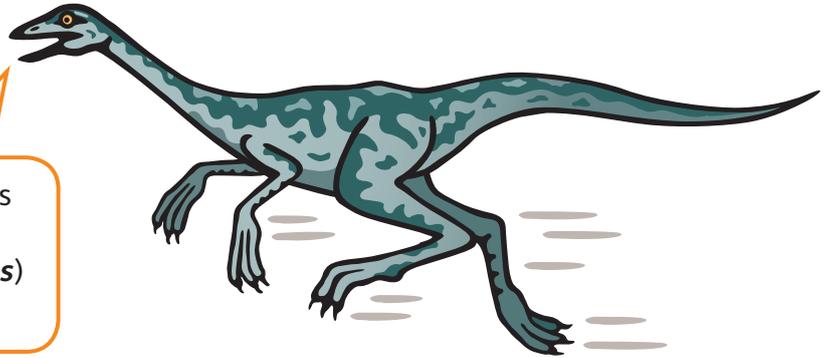


Oldest

I'm *Nyasasaurus* (**nee-ah-sah-SAWR-us**) the oldest dinosaur discovered so far. I'm around 240 million years old. Not much is known about me because no skull bones have been found. Paleontologists are not even sure yet if I'm a dinosaur or just a distant relative.

Fastest

Here I come – the fastest thing on two legs back in the Cretaceous period! My name's *Dromiceiomimus* (**dro-MI-see-oh-MIME-us**) and I can run at a speedy 60km per hour.

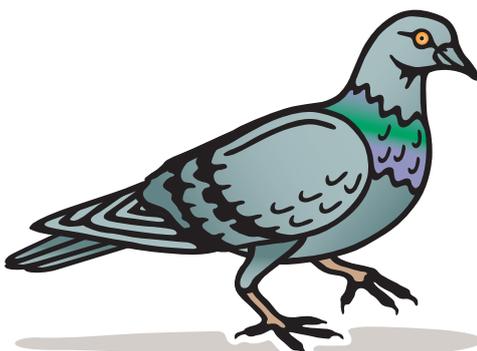
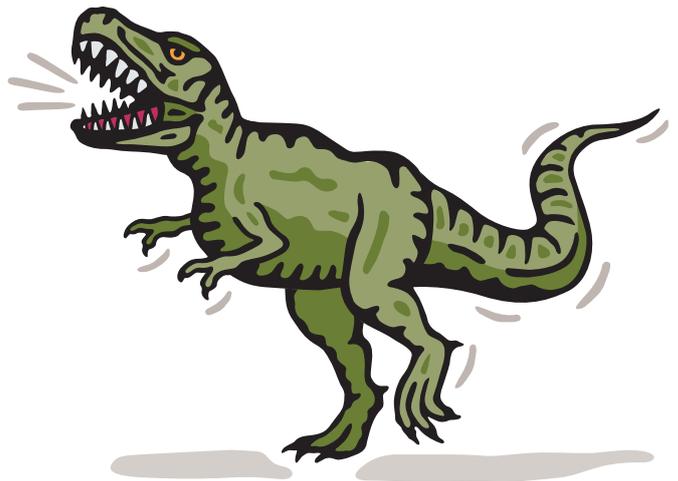


Deadliest

You might recognise me from film and tv, I'm the *Velociraptor* (**vel-OSS-i-RAP-tor**). I may not be the biggest predator, but I have a very large brain for my size, which really helps me to outsmart my prey!

Strongest

That's probably me – *Tyrannosaurus rex* (**tie-RAN-oh-SAWR-us rex**) Although my arms are tiny, I have one of the most powerful bites in the whole animal kingdom. I'm not called 'tyrant lizard king' for nothing!



Closest living relative to a dinosaur

Yes, I'm a humble pigeon but did you know that birds are direct descendants of mighty dinosaurs like *T. rex*? About 150 million years ago we evolved from a group of meat-eaters, called theropods. We managed to survive the mass extinction, which wiped out the other dinosaurs, and now there are more than 10,000 bird species!