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Which palaeontologist are you?



Do you like to choose funny nicknames for your dinosaur finds?

Yes, I love creating new names!

No, I prefer to stick with the scientific names

The first dinosaur fossil found on the Isle of Eigg, Scotland – a Stegosaur-like species

Choose your famous find!

CT Scanner

What's your favourite fossil tool?

What kind of field clothes do you like to wear out on a dig?

A long skirt with petticoats underneath

You are... **Mary Anning!**
Mary lived from 1799-1847, so she wore Georgian era clothing. She loved to search the beach and the cliffs nearby her house for fossils. The biggest fossil Mary found was an ichthyosaur, a large marine reptile when she was just 12 years old.

You are... **Elsa Panciroli!**
Elsa found a dinosaur bone by stepping on it while walking along a beach! She was so lucky to discover it. It turned out to belong to a young stegosaurian dinosaur. She nicknamed it 'StEiggosaurus'!

An *Acanthostega* fossil found in Greenland, an animal between a fish and four legged land animal.

You are... **Jenny Clack!**
Jenny discovered several hundred tetrapod fossils across Southern Scotland and Greenland. A tetrapod is a four-legged animal. Her specialism was early tetrapods, particularly the evolution of fish into tetrapods. This topic is important because animals transitioning onto land allowed dinosaurs to evolve.

Dynamite

A protective hat and thick trousers

You are... **Dong Zhiming!**
Dong and his team used dynamite to blast away the rock layers to reveal the fossils underneath. He also has fossils all around his house – some dinosaur eggs next to his computer, a *Protoceratops* jaw on a table and even a sauropod tail club on the sofa!

You are... **Barnum Brown!**
Barnum usually wore practical clothing for fieldwork but he was known to have worn a fur coat on a dig in Canada! He was the first person to find fossilised remains of a *T. rex*! He was also nicknamed "Mr. Bones" because of his great skill at fossil-hunting. It was claimed he even had the ability to "sniff out" dinosaur bones.

