

DINO FACTS & EDUCATIONAL LINKS

1. How old are dinosaurs?
230 million years
2. What is the largest complete dinosaur?
Brachiosaurus (meaning “arm lizard”), which weighed 70-80 tons and was about 38’ high (it was the length of 2 school buses and the height of a 4-story building)
3. The smallest known dinosaur?
Compsognathus (it was about the size of a chicken)
4. Where did the word “dinosaur” come from?
It was derived from the Greek words *deinos saura*, loosely meaning “terrible lizard” or “fearfully-great lizard”
5. What did dinosaurs eat?
Some dinosaurs ate rocks to help break up the food in their stomachs! Others ate lizards, eggs, turtles, or early mammals. Most, however, ate plants

LINKS

For more information, visit:

United States Geological Survey
<http://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/dinosaurs>

Dinosaur Dig at the San Diego Natural History Museum
<http://www.sdnhm.org/kids/dinosaur>

Discovery Channel
<http://www.discoverychannel.com.au/dinosaurs/facts/index.shtml>

Field Museum of Natural History
<http://www.fnmh.org/sue/default.htm>

National Geographic
<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/dinosaurs.html>