



Which Dinosaur is Which?

Links with the Dinosaur Dreaming dig site:

The illustrations below have been developed by wildlife artist Peter Trusler from the fossil finds at the Dinosaur Dreaming dig site.

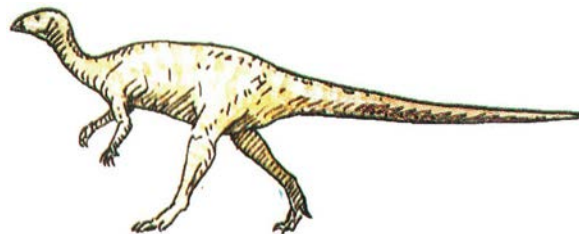
Links with curriculum:

This activity encourages students to think about how fossils finds can be interpreted and how words are used in a science context. The activity links with the Thinking, Science and English domains of VELs.

Procedure:

The boxes beside the illustrations contain a description of each dinosaur. They have been mixed up so which description belongs to which dinosaur?

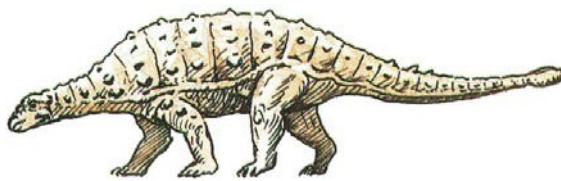
Check your answers by completing the exercise at the bottom of the page.



Dinosaur A

Description 1:

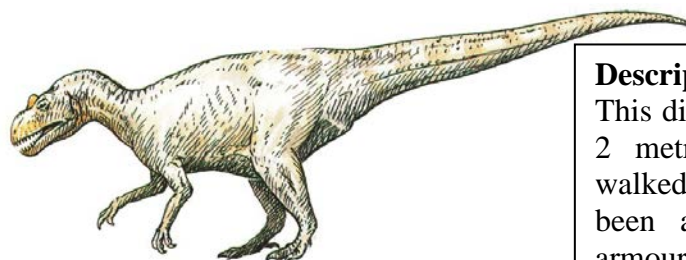
This dinosaur is about 5 meters long. It has teeth like a serrated knife and would have been a meat-eater, preying on other animals. It walked on four legs but could have stood upright on its two back legs.



Dinosaur B

Description 2:

This dinosaur would have walked on two legs and the adult size would have been about 1.5 metres long. It had small fan-shaped teeth that indicate it would have eaten plants such as ferns and conifers.



Dinosaur C

Description 3:

This dinosaur would have been about 2 metres long as adult size and walked on four legs. It would have been a plant eater and its bony armour would have protected it from larger meat-eating dinosaurs.

The names of these dinosaurs are **Carnosaurus**, **Ornithopod** and **Ankylosaur** but these are not in the correct order.

From the following Greek or Latin words below see if you can work out which dinosaur is which from the names and the descriptions in the boxes.

Ankyl = *curved*, **Carn** = *meat*, **Ornith** = *bird*, **Saurus** = *lizard*, **Pod** = *foot*

All illustrations by Peter Trusler