

## Get to Know Dinosaurs

**Word Search Activity**

Use the word list to help you find the words about dinosaurs that are hidden in the block below. Some of the words are hidden backward or diagonally.

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**WORD LIST**

AGE OF REPTILES  
AMPHIBIANS  
ANCIENT  
CLIMATE  
CRETACEOUS  
ERA

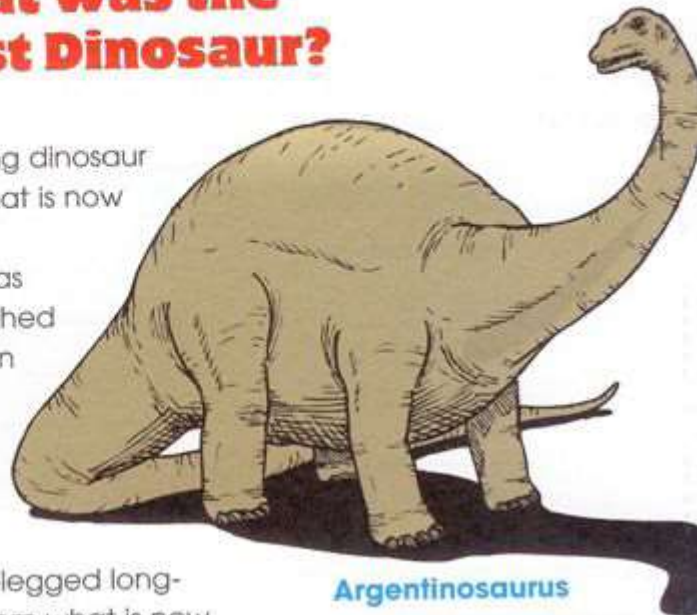
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REPTILES  
SUPERCONTINENT  
THECODONTS  
TRIASSIC



## What Was the Biggest Dinosaur?

The largest known meat-eating dinosaur was Giganotosaurus, from what is now Argentina. Giganotosaurus measured 45 feet in length—as long as three cars—and weighed 8 tons, or slightly more than an African elephant. It walked on two legs and had long, sharp teeth.



Argentinosaurus

The largest known plant-eating dinosaur was the four-legged long-neck Argentinosaurus, also from what is now Argentina. It measured 115 feet in length—almost as long as eight cars—and weighed 100 tons, or as much as fourteen African elephants.

1. What was the biggest known plant-eating dinosaur?

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2. What was the biggest known meat-eating dinosaur?

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3. Was the largest known dinosaur a meat-eater or a plant-eater?

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4. Which of these two biggest dinosaurs do you think moved faster? Why?

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5. Why do you think Argentinosaurus walked on four legs instead of two?

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6. How many Giganotosauruses would need to be lined up to equal the length of one Argentinosaurus?

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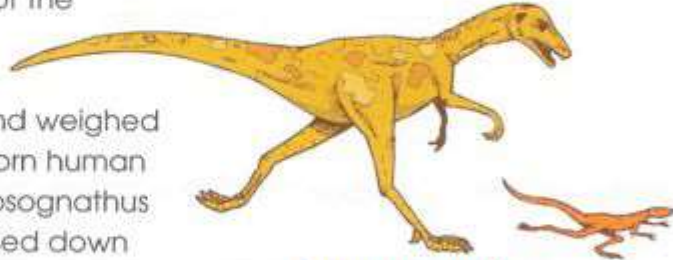
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## What Was the Smallest Dinosaur?

Compsognathus was one of the smallest known dinosaurs. This meat-eater was about as big as a turkey and weighed about as much as a newborn human baby. Scientists think Compsognathus was a fast runner that chased down small lizards and other prey.



Compsognathus

Heterodontosaurus, also about as big as a turkey, was among the smallest known plant-eaters. It had several kinds of teeth, which it may have used to bite, tear, and grind plants.

1. What was the smallest known plant-eating dinosaur?





-  A Compsognathus
-  B Giganotosaurus
-  C Heterodontosaurus
-  D Argentinosaurus

2. What was the smallest known meat-eating dinosaur?





-  A Argentinosaurus
-  B Compsognathus
-  C Giganotosaurus
-  D Heterodontosaurus





3. Compsognathus and Heterodontosaurus were about the same size as \_\_\_\_\_.

-  a mouse
-  a horse
-  a newborn baby
-  a turkey





4. Scientists think that Compsognathus was a \_\_\_\_\_.

-  fast runner
-  quick eater
-  newborn baby
-  turkey

5. Heterodontosaurus had many different types of \_\_\_\_\_.

-  feet
-  scales
-  teeth
-  eyes

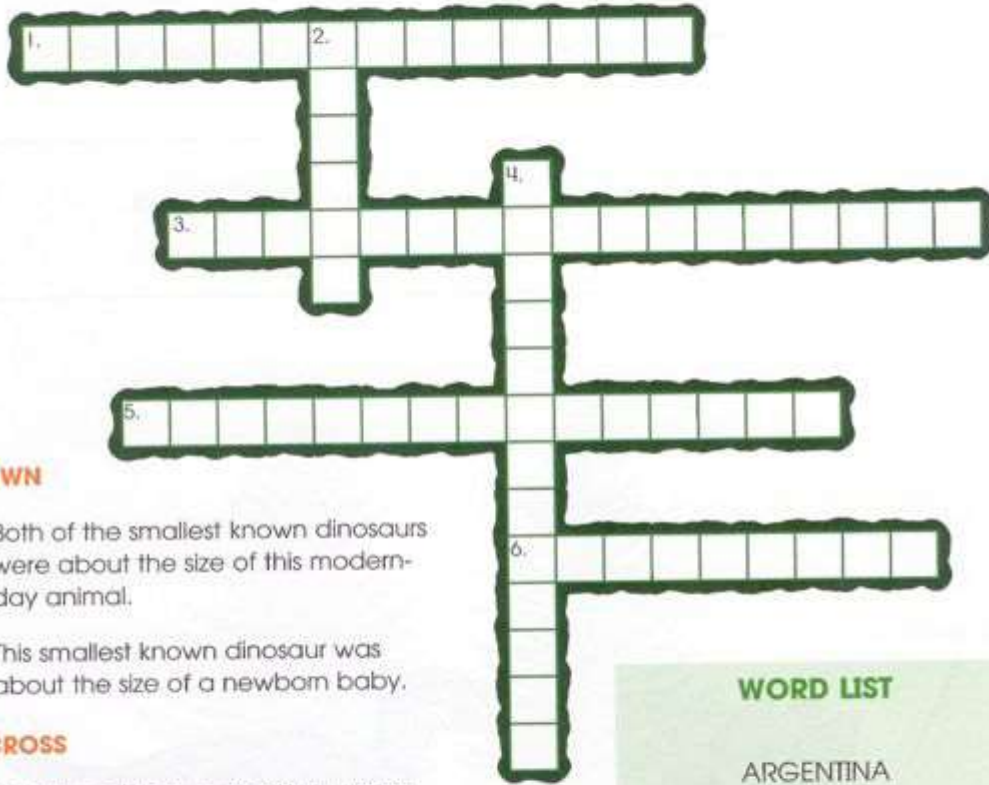
6. What was Compsognathus believed to have eaten?

-  rats
-  plants
-  small lizards
-  large birds



## Crossword Activity

Read the clues about dinosaurs. Then, complete the puzzle using the word list below.



### DOWN

2. Both of the smallest known dinosaurs were about the size of this modern-day animal.
4. This smallest known dinosaur was about the size of a newborn baby.

### ACROSS

1. This biggest known dinosaur was as long as three cars.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the smallest known plant-eating dinosaur.
5. This plant-eating dinosaur weighed as much as fourteen African elephants.
6. Both of the largest known dinosaurs are from \_\_\_\_\_.

### WORD LIST

ARGENTINA  
ARGENTINOSAURUS  
COMPSOGNATHUS  
GIGANOTOSAURUS  
HETERODONTOSAURUS  
TURKEY



## A Very Worried Dinosaur

Help the mother dinosaur find its baby.

