

# Goodies



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## When dinosaurs walked the Earth

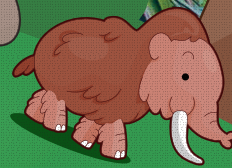
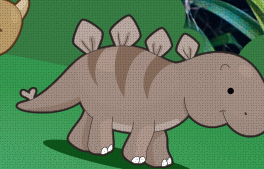
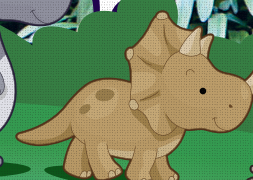
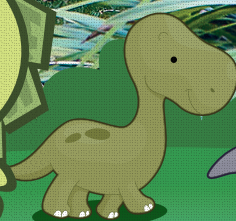
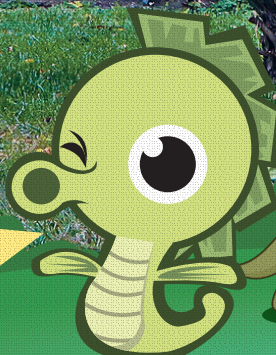


I wish I could live with the dinosaurs!

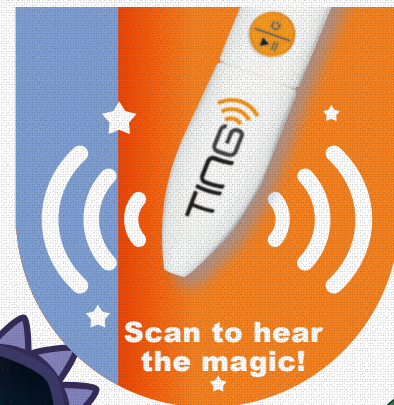
They would eat as much as you do!



**D**INOSAURS are scary but fascinating! Although they lived a very long time ago, we know about them because of their fossils – their bones and other body parts have become like stone after millions of years. This year, the dinosaur hall in the Smithsonian Museum, in Washington DC (華盛頓特區), re-opened after it was shut down in 2014 for renovation. The hall now shows interesting scenes of life before humans.







# A time before mankind



**M**ILLIONS of years ago, dinosaurs roamed the Earth as the most **advanced** animals. But they all died out long before humans even appeared.

## The museum hall

THE dinosaur hall at the Smithsonian was closed down in 2014 because the displays were last updated in 1981 and the information on the **plaques** was inaccurate. In the new hall, you can see a Tyrannosaurus Rex (暴龍), the top **predator** back then, standing over the plant-eating Triceratops (三角恐龍), seemingly about to eat it. The display also shows other animals, mostly other smaller dinosaurs.

## What were dinosaurs?

DINOSAURS were animals from hundreds of millions of years ago. Both birds and reptiles (爬行動物) came from dinosaurs. Some could fly, like the Pterodactyl, though most walked, such as the velociraptor. Some were huge, like the Argentinosaurus. Many, like Sauropods, only ate plants, and others, such as the T-Rex, ate animals. Dinosaurs lived in the Mesozoic Era, which lasted almost 180 million years.

## Gone forever

DINOSAURS and many other species died after a big **asteroid** hit Earth. The **impact** threw up giant dust clouds that blocked the sun for a long time. A lot of the larger animals, including all the dinosaurs, died. Their bones got buried and became stone-like after millions of years.



Which period were T-Rexes alive in?

A. Triassic B. Jurassic C. Cretaceous

Answers on P12



roam (v)  
漫遊

advanced (adj)  
高級的

plaque (n)  
匾牌

**Vocabulary**  
Challenge ★★★★★

predator (n)  
捕食性動物

asteroid (n)  
小行星

impact (n)  
衝撞