

Practice Reading Tests - Year 2-3 - Dinosaur On Tour

Read all the boxed text then answer the questions.

Have you ever visited London? Then you might have seen one of the biggest and most popular members of the Natural History Museum. Dippy the spectacular Diplodocus skeleton has been at the museum since 1905. The real Diplodocus skeleton was found in America in 1898 and put on display there. King Edward VII saw a drawing of it and he asked to have a model of the skeleton built for the Natural History Museum. The king's wish eventually came true. The 292 bones arrived in London in 36 packing boxes. It took four months to put the skeleton together and Dippy finally went on show on Friday 12th May, 1905. What an amazing sight he was! Now, some other museums around the United Kingdom are going to have a turn to look after him.



Name:

Date:

10

total marks

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1. What kind of dinosaur was Dippy? (Tick one)

Tyrannosaurus rex

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Diplodocus

☐

Dacentrurus

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Triceratops

☐

1 mark.

2. Put the sentences in order of what happened in the text, numbering them from 1 to 4. One has been done for you.

Dippy finally went on show at the Natural History Museum.

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Kind Edward VII asked for a model Diplodocus in the UK.

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Dippy is going on tour around museums in the UK.

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A real Diplodocus skeleton was found in America.

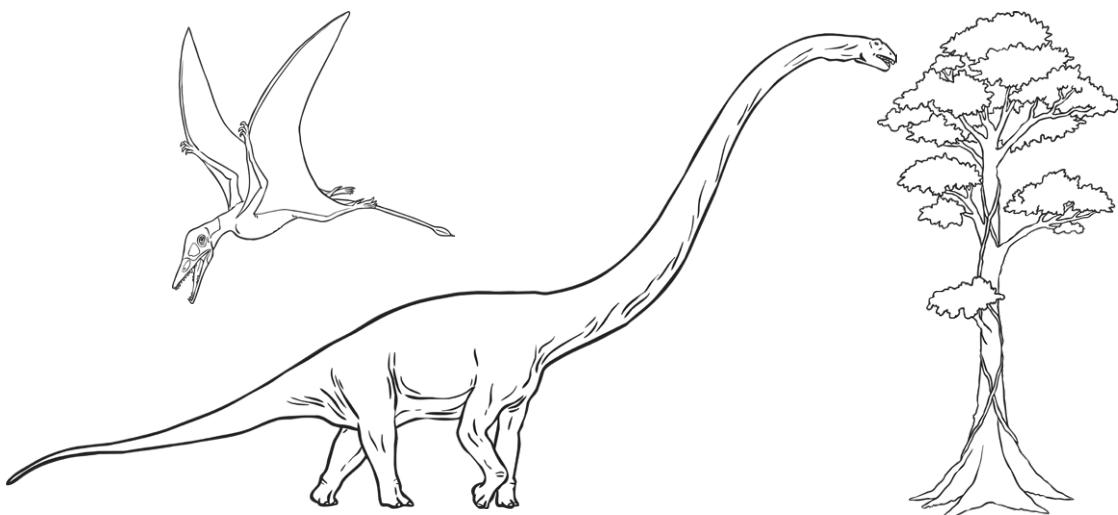
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1

2 marks.

3. Find and copy one adjective that the author has used to describe Dippy.

1 mark.



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Dinosaurs Amazing Facts!

Palaeontologists think that birds evolved from dinosaurs. This is partly because the two have a very similar skeletal structure.

Carnivores like the Tyrannosaurs Rex were thought to be amongst the most clever of dinosaurs and were thought to have a similar intelligence level to ostriches.

The dinosaur with the longest name is the Micropachycephalosaurus and means 'tiny thick-headed lizard'.

There are over 700 known species of dinosaur and it is believed that there are many more that haven't been discovered yet!

Dinosaurs had over 1000 teeth and they could replace them at any point of their life.

4. Put ticks to show which statements are true and which are false.

3

true false

The dinosaur with the longest name means tiny thick-legged lizard.

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There are 7000 known species of dinosaur.

☐ ☐

A Tyrannosaurs Rex was a carnivore.

☐ ☐

Palaeontologists think that birds evolved from dinosaurs.

☐ ☐

3 marks.

Sentence Completion

Look at the sentences below. Each one has a word/number missing.

Tick the box next to the word/number that best fits the gap.

You do not need to write the word in the gap.

5. Dippy has stood in the hall since _____.

1918

1905

1915

1951

1 mark.

6. It took _____ months to put the skeleton together.

five

three

four

eight

1 mark.

7. Carnivores like the Tyrannosaurs Rex were thought to be amongst the most _____ of dinosaurs.

fossils

friendly

thoughtful

ingenious

1 mark.

- end of test -



1

Tyrannosaurus rex

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Diplodocus

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Dacentrurus

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Triceratops

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1 mark

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Carnivores like the Tyrannosaurs Rex were though to be amongst the -----

ingenious

1 mark

2

2 marks

Dippy finally went on show at the Natural History Museum	3
Kind Edward VII asked for a model Diplodocus in the UK	2
Dippy is going on tour around museums in the UK	4
A real Diplodocus skeleton was found in America	1

3

1 mark

Find and copy one adjective that the author has used to describe Dippy.

biggest, popular, amazing, spectacular

4

3 marks

	True	False
The dinosaur with the longest name means tiny thick-legged.		✓
There are 7000 known species of dinosaur.		✓
A Tyrannosaurs Rex was a carnivore.	✓	
Palaeontologists think that birds evolved from dinosaurs.	✓	

5

1 mark

Dippy has stood in the hall since -----

1905

6

1 mark

It took ----- months to put the skeleton together.

four