

TYRANNOSAURUS REX Reading Comprehension

The Tyrannosaurus rex, also known as T. rex, was one of the largest land predators to have ever lived. The T. rex could grow to 40 feet in length (a little longer than a school bus) and could stand 13 feet tall at the hips (about three feet taller than a basketball hoop). It lived in what is now western North America and may have even been partly covered in feathers.

The Tyrannosaurus rex was a fearsome predator with strong jaws and up to 60 teeth. Some of these teeth could grow to be almost a foot long. The T. rex was a strict carnivore (meat eater) and hunted other dinosaurs. Scientists aren't sure how fast the T. rex could run, or if it could even run at all.

In 1990, a fossil hunter found the most complete skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus rex ever found! It was sold to a museum for eight million dollars, the highest amount ever paid for dinosaur fossils.

1.) Compared to a basketball hoop, the Tyrannosaurus rex was...

- a.) shorter.
- b.) longer.
- c.) taller.
- d.) lighter.

2.) Compared to a school bus, the Tyrannosaurus rex was...

- a.) taller.
- b.) longer.
- c.) shorter.
- d.) stronger.

3.) Which of the following might also be described as a fearsome hunter?

- a.) A sparrow
- b.) Your pet hermit crab
- c.) A tiger
- d.) A baby seal

4.) What are scientists not sure of?

- a.) If the Tyrannosaurus rex ate plants
- b.) If the Tyrannosaurus rex could run
- c.) If the Tyrannosaurus rex had 60 teeth
- d.) Where the Tyrannosaurus rex lived

5.) Which is NOT true about the Tyrannosaurus rex?

- a.) It ate other dinosaurs.
- b.) Some of its teeth were a foot long.
- c.) A skeleton sold for eight million dollars.
- d.) Compared to other land predators, it was actually small.

6.) Which of the paragraphs discusses the diet of the T. rex?

- a.) first
- b.) second
- c.) third
- d.) none of them

7.) The author seems to think the T. rex skeleton was _____.

- a.) expensive
- b.) fake
- c.) boring
- d.) broken

8.) Which of the following statements indicates the author is not sure about a fact?

- a.) The T. rex lived in what is now western North America.
- b.) The T. rex was a carnivore.
- c.) The T. rex may have been partly covered by feathers.
- d.) The T. rex could grow to 13 feet tall at the hips.