

DINOSAUR FACT CARDS



PLESIOSAURUS

It had a small head on a long flexible neck.
It swam at around 8 kilometres per hour
using a paddle like motion.

Period when they lived: Early Jurassic

Length: 3-5 metres

Weight: 150 kilos

Diet: Fish and other marine life

Discovered: Lyme Regis, Dorset, 1823



BARYONYX

This creature had a special thumb claw
covered by horns, about the same size as
a modern day UK size 15 shoe.

Period when they lived: Early Cretaceous

Length: 10.5 metres

Weight: 2,000 kilos

Diet: Fish and other dinosaurs!

Discovered: Ockley, Surrey, 1983



CETIOSAURUS

The remains were originally thought to be those
of a whale so it got called the 'whale lizard'. It
could have weighed as much as 20 small cars!

Period when they lived: Middle Jurassic

Length: 16-18 metres

Weight: 15,000-20,000 kilos

Diet: Plants

Discovered: Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, 1825

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ORNITHOCHEIRUS

A lightweight creature it soared and glided using its long narrow wings.

Period when they lived: Early Cretaceous

Length: 2.5 – 3 metre wingspan

Weight: 4-5 kilos

Diet: Fish

Discovered: Tilgate Forest, Sussex, 1827



IGUANODON

It stood and walked on all fours, but ran on just two legs.

Period when they lived: Early Cretaceous

Length: 10 metres

Weight: 4,000-5,000 kilos

Diet: Plants

Discovered: Tilgate Forest, Sussex, 1822



DIMORPHODON

It had a large puffin like head and two different sized teeth inside the jaw.

Period when they lived: Early Jurassic

Length: 1 metre wingspan

Weight: 2 kilos

Diet: Fish

Discovered: Lyme Regis, Dorset, 1828



POLACANTHUS

Heavily armoured it had spikes and studs along the body.

Period when they lived: Early Cretaceous

Length: 4-5 metres

Weight: 1,000-2,000 kilos

Diet: Plants

Discovered: Isle of Wight, 1865

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HYPsilOPHODON

A fast runner, this was its only means of defence against predators.

Period when they lived: Early Cretaceous
Length: 1.5-2.3 metres
Weight: 20-40 kilos
Diet: Plants
Discovered: Cowleaze Chine, Isle of Wight, 1849



ICHTHYOSAURUS

It breathed air and gave birth to live young in the water. It was similar to a modern day dolphin.

Period when they lived: Early Jurassic
Length: 2 metres
Weight: 80-100 kilos
Diet: Fish and Squid
Discovered: Lyme Regis, Dorset, 1811



MEGALOSAURUS

A very fast meat-eating dinosaur.

Period when they lived: Middle Jurassic
Length: 9 metres
Weight: 1,000 kilos
Diet: Other dinosaurs!
Discovered: Stonesfield, Oxfordshire, 1815