



© PBS KIDS  
Dinosaur Train

# what's **in** a name?

The word "**dinosaur**" comes from the Greek :  
"**deinos**" (terrible, powerful) + "**sauros**" (lizard)

Use the name of a dinosaur to create your own acrostic poem

**Sample: Pteranodon** \*  
("winged" and "toothless")

**Your dinosaur:**

**P**teranodon  
**T**oothless  
**E**ats fish  
**R**eptile  
**A**lways flying  
**N**ever walking  
**O**cean  
**D**ives for food  
**O**ld  
**N**o longer on earth

---

**Draw your dinosaur!**



# what's **in** a name?



© PBS KIDS  
Dinosaur Train

Imagine what these dinosaurs looked and acted like by understanding their names

## Dinosaur name      What it means

### Head features

<b>Corythosaurus</b>	Helmet lizard
<b>Microceratops</b>	Small-horned head
<b>Pachyrhinosaurus</b>	Thick-nosed lizard
* <b>Stegosaurus</b>	Roof lizard
<b>Triceratops</b>	Three-horned head

### Body features

<b>Baryonyx</b>	Heavy claw
<b>Brachiosaurus</b>	Arm lizard
<b>Spinosaurus</b>	Spiny lizard

### Unusual teeth

<b>Astrodon</b>	Star tooth
<b>Deinodon</b>	Terrible tooth
<b>Microdontosaurus</b>	Tiny-tooth lizard

### Unusual feet

<b>Deinonychus</b>	Terrible claw
<b>Velocipes</b>	Swift foot
<b>Brachypodosaurus</b>	Short-footed lizard

### Distinctive behavior

<b>Maiasaura</b>	Good mother lizard
<b>Tyrannosaurus rex</b>	Tyrant lizard king
<b>Velociraptor</b>	Speedy robber

Create your own dinosaur name !

Greek root + "saurus" = your dinosaur

<b>anato</b>	duck
<b>avi</b>	bird
<b>bronto</b>	thunder
<b>compos</b>	elegant
<b>crypto</b>	hidden
<b>cyon</b>	dog
<b>draco</b>	dragon
<b>felis</b>	cat
<b>hippos</b>	horse
<b>lana</b>	woolly
<b>lyco</b>	wolf
<b>mega</b>	huge
<b>nodo</b>	lumpy
<b>pedi</b>	foot
<b>phyllo</b>	leaf
<b>plateo</b>	flat
<b>pyro</b>	fire
<b>salto</b>	leaping
<b>seismo</b>	earthquake
<b>tetra</b>	four
<b>vulcano</b>	volcano
<b>zygo</b>	joined

