

1 Dinosaurs

12 Brandon likes dinosaurs. He is a five year old boy who
22 has lots of toys and books about dinosaurs. He often
30 watches television programs about dinosaurs, and is even
39 starting to look for information about dinosaurs using the
48 Internet. Lots of kids and adults are fascinated with
57 dinosaurs. People who are interested in dinosaurs want to
68 learn the names of the dinosaurs, what they look like, what
74 they ate, and when they lived.

81 Dinosaurs are creatures that have names like
86 tyrannosaurus, stegosaurus, brontosaurus, and pterodactyl.
99 That last one is really hard to spell because the ‘p’ at the
108 beginning is silent. Some dinosaurs are very large, but
118 some are small. Some can swim, and some, like the
127 pterodactyl, can fly. A large number of dinosaurs walked
135 the Earth. Some dinosaurs were carnivores, which means

144 they ate mostly meat, others were herbivores, which means
153 they ate mostly plants, and still others were omnivores,
164 which means they ate both plants and animals in their diets.

174 Even after more than one hundred years of study, there
183 are still differences in the theories about how dinosaurs
191 became extinct. Most paleontologists, which are experts on
200 dinosaurs, believe dinosaurs died out because of a change
210 in climate which either killed them quickly, or affected the
220 food supply available to them, which led to their starvation
229 and death. Even though dinosaurs have been extinct for
239 tens of millions of years, people continue to be fascinated
241 by them.

250 To begin to learn more about dinosaurs, try this
251 website:

262 www.history.com/topics/dinosaurs-an-introduction