

## Reading Comprehension - Dinosaurs

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3. This dinosaur had (circle one) 15, 75, 70 vertebrae in his tail.

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2. The name Tyrannosaurus means (circle one) thunder lizard, tyrant lizard.
3. Tyrannosaurus liked to eat (circle one) fruit, meat, bugs.

Look up the following words and write a short definition on the line.

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herbivore \_\_\_\_\_  
tyrant \_\_\_\_\_

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herbivore     plant eating animal

tyrant     someone who uses authority in a cruel way