Dinosaur names with pictures: all 34 in Peabody's wing, and how to say them

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Dinosaur names for kids, A to Z: all 34 in Peabody's wing with how to say each, what it means and when it lived, plus six famous animals that weren't dinosaurs.

Peabody's dinosaur wing has 34 dinosaurs, each drawn to scale with how to say its name and what the name means. Lists online promise a hundred dinosaur names, and some deliver by padding them out with animals nobody has heard of, or with flying and swimming reptiles that weren't dinosaurs at all. This list is shorter and honest: it's every dinosaur Peabody has a page for today, 31 October 2026, and it will grow as the wing does.

The pictures are on Peabody's dinosaur A to Z, which shows every one with its drawing and a button that says the name aloud. The table below has the words, so a grown-up can read it with a child or print it for a classroom wall.

All 34, A to Z

The loud part of each name is in capital letters. Say the quiet parts quickly and the loud parts long, and the name will sound right.

- Dinosaur: Allosaurus · Say it: AL-oh-SORE-us · The name means: different lizard · When it lived: Jurassic
- Dinosaur: Ankylosaurus · Say it: an-KYE-loh-SORE-us · The name means: fused lizard · When it lived: Cretaceous
- Dinosaur: Archaeopteryx · Say it: AR-kee-OP-ter-ix · The name means: ancient wing · When it lived: Jurassic
- Dinosaur: Argentinosaurus · Say it: ar-jen-TEEN-oh-SORE-us · The name means: Argentina lizard · When it lived: Cretaceous
- Dinosaur: Baryonyx · Say it: BAIR-ee-ON-ix · The name means: heavy claw · When it lived: Cretaceous
- Dinosaur: Brachiosaurus · Say it: BRAK-ee-oh-SORE-us · The name means: arm lizard · When it lived: Jurassic
- Dinosaur: Brontosaurus · Say it: BRON-toh-SORE-us · The name means: thunder lizard · When it lived: Jurassic
- Dinosaur: Camarasaurus · Say it: KAM-uh-ruh-SORE-us · The name means: chambered lizard · When it lived: Jurassic
- Dinosaur: Carnotaurus · Say it: KAR-noh-TOR-us · The name means: meat-eating bull · When it lived: Cretaceous
- Dinosaur: Coelophysis · Say it: SEE-loh-FIE-sis · The name means: hollow form · When

it lived: Triassic
• Dinosaur: Compsognathus · Say it: komp-SOG-nuh-thus · The name means: pretty jaw · When it lived: Jurassic
• Dinosaur: Deinonychus · Say it: die-NON-ih-kus · The name means: terrible claw · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Dilophosaurus · Say it: die-LOAF-oh-SORE-us · The name means: two-crested lizard · When it lived: Jurassic
• Dinosaur: Diplodocus · Say it: dih-PLOD-oh-kus · The name means: double beam · When it lived: Jurassic
• Dinosaur: Edmontosaurus · Say it: ed-MON-toh-SORE-us · The name means: Edmonton lizard · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Gallimimus · Say it: gal-ih-MY-mus · The name means: chicken mimic · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Giganotosaurus · Say it: JIG-uh-NOT-oh-SORE-us · The name means: giant southern lizard · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Iguanodon · Say it: ih-GWAH-noh-don · The name means: iguana tooth · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Kentrosaurus · Say it: KEN-troh-SORE-us · The name means: spiked lizard · When it lived: Jurassic
• Dinosaur: Maiasaura · Say it: MY-uh-SORE-uh · The name means: good mother lizard · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Microraptor · Say it: MY-kroh-RAP-ter · The name means: small thief · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Nigersaurus · Say it: nee-ZHAIR-uh-SORE-us · The name means: Niger lizard · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Oviraptor · Say it: OH-vih-RAP-ter · The name means: egg thief · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Pachycephalosaurus · Say it: PACK-ee-SEF-uh-loh-SORE-us · The name means: thick-headed lizard · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Parasaurolophus · Say it: PAIR-uh-sore-OL-oh-fus · The name means: near crested lizard · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Protoceratops · Say it: PROH-toh-SAIR-uh-tops · The name means: first horned face · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Spinosaurus · Say it: SPY-noh-SORE-us · The name means: spine lizard · When it lived: Cretaceous
• Dinosaur: Stegosaurus · Say it: STEG-oh-SORE-us · The name means: roofed lizard · When it lived: Jurassic
• Dinosaur: Styracosaurus · Say it: sty-RACK-oh-SORE-us · The name means: spiked lizard · When it lived: Cretaceous

- Dinosaur: Therizinosaurus · Say it: THAIR-ih-ZEEN-oh-SORE-us · The name means: scythe lizard · When it lived: Cretaceous
- Dinosaur: Triceratops · Say it: try-SAIR-uh-tops · The name means: three-horned face · When it lived: Cretaceous
- Dinosaur: Tyrannosaurus rex · Say it: tie-RAN-oh-SORE-us REX · The name means: tyrant lizard king · When it lived: Cretaceous
- Dinosaur: Utahraptor · Say it: YOO-tah-RAP-ter · The name means: Utah's thief · When it lived: Cretaceous
- Dinosaur: Velociraptor · Say it: veh-LOSS-ih-RAP-ter · The name means: swift thief · When it lived: Cretaceous

Six famous animals that weren't dinosaurs

Every one of these is in Peabody's wing, and every one is labeled "not a dinosaur" on its page.

- Pteranodon (teh-RAN-oh-don, "toothless wing") and Quetzalcoatlus (KET-sul-koh-AT-lus) were pterosaurs, flying reptiles that lived alongside the dinosaurs. A pterosaur's wing was skin, stretched from one very long finger.
- Plesiosaurus ("near lizard"), Mosasaurus ("Meuse lizard") and Ichthyosaurus ("fish lizard") were sea reptiles.
- Megalodon ("big tooth") was a giant shark that lived long after the dinosaurs had gone, and it is extinct too.

And one more surprise for the other direction: birds are dinosaurs, the only ones alive today. Peabody's post are birds dinosaurs? explains how scientists know.

Names you can take apart

Dinosaur names are built from old Greek and Latin pieces, and the same few keep coming back. Once a child knows them, a new name stops being scary.

- saurus means lizard: Stegosaurus is "roofed lizard", Spinosaurus "spine lizard".
- ceratops means horned face: Triceratops is "three-horned face", Protoceratops "first horned face".
- raptor means thief: Velociraptor is "swift thief", Microraptor "small thief".
- don means tooth: Iguanodon is "iguana tooth".

Some names tell a place: Argentinosaurus is named for Argentina, Utahraptor for Utah, Nigersaurus for Niger and Edmontosaurus for Edmonton. Peabody's guide how to say a dinosaur's name goes further.

Ways to use the list

- Pick a feature. On the Dino Finder, a child taps a feature they can see, like horns or a club tail, and only the dinosaurs with it stay.
- Play the names. The which dinosaur had…? quiz asks about features, and say my name says a name aloud and asks which one you heard.
- Color one. Every dinosaur has a coloring page that prints on one sheet.
- See the size. The biggest dinosaurs list ranks them by length, and each length says where it came from.

Questions grown-ups ask

Why only 34 and not 100?

Because Peabody only adds a dinosaur when it can draw it, say its name and give its facts with a source. I'd rather have 34 good pages than a hundred thin ones.

Is Brontosaurus a real dinosaur?

Yes, and it has a page in the wing. Peabody gives its size from its close cousin Apatosaurus, as the National Park Service does, and says so on the page.

Are the pictures to scale?

On Compare Two they are: any two animals stand at true relative size beside a child. The T. rex size post puts one next to a child.

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Free at peabody.kids/blog/dinosaur-names-with-pictures