

Dinosaur jokes



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Joke 1

Ages 3+

What does a T. rex say when you ask for a hug?



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: A T. rex's arms were tiny next to the rest of its body, and each hand had just two fingers.

"Come closer. Closer. No, CLOSER!"

Joke 2

Ages 6+

How does a T. rex give a high five?



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: T. rex had only two fingers on each hand.

It can't. It gives a high two!

Joke 3

Ages 3+

How many bites does a T. rex need to eat a whole birthday cake?



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: Tyrannosaurus rex was so big and strong, it could eat up to 230 kilograms (507 pounds) of meat and bones in one bite!

One. And then it eats the table!

Joke 4

Ages 6+

Why was eight T. rex's favorite number?



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: Its biggest teeth were up to 20 cm long. That's 8 inches, so eight really was its number!

Because it ate, and ate, and ate!

Joke 5

Ages 3+

What's as long as a banana, but you should never try to peel it?



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: T. rex had about 60 teeth, and the biggest were up to 20 cm (8 inches) long. That's about as long as a banana!

A T. rex tooth!

Joke 6

Ages 6+

What do you call a T. rex showing off its tiny arm muscles?



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: T. rex's arms were short, but they had strong muscles.

Tyrannosaurus FLEX!

Joke 7

Ages 6+

Where can you spot T. rex's closest living cousins?



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: Birds evolved from small meat-eating dinosaurs, the same group T. rex belonged to. So every bird you see is a living dinosaur!

At your bird feeder!

Joke 8

Ages 6+

What do you call a Triceratops that never, ever gives up?



Turn me round for the answer!

The true bit: "Triceratops" means "three-horned face": one horn on its nose and two above its eyes.

A Try-try-ceratops!

Joke 9 Why did Triceratops help build the treehouse?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Triceratops had a nose horn so sharp, it could probably cut through wood, and a head the size of a small car! It brought its own saw: its nose!	Joke 10 Why doesn't Triceratops need a coat rack?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: "Triceratops" means "three-horned face". It had one horn on its nose and two above its eyes. It has three hooks right on its head!
Joke 11 Where does Triceratops park its head?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Triceratops had a nose horn so sharp, it could probably cut through wood, and a head the size of a small car! In the garage!	Joke 12 What did Triceratops say when T. rex invited it over for dinner?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: It lived at the same time as its biggest enemy, the mighty Tyrannosaurus rex. "Thanks! Um... who's on the menu?"
Joke 13 Why did Stegosaurus never need an umbrella?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: "Stegosaurus" means "roof lizard". The first scientist to study it thought its plates lay flat on its back, and that's how it got its name. It came with its own roof!	Joke 14 Why did the squirrel follow Stegosaurus around all day?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Stegosaurus was a big, spiky dinosaur with a tiny head, like a walnut. It thought its head was a walnut!
Joke 15 What did Stegosaurus say when a hungry dinosaur crept up behind it?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: But don't be fooled! Its plates and tail were strong weapons that helped protect it from predators. "Don't make me turn around!"	Joke 16 Why did Stegosaurus miss T. rex's birthday party?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: More time passed between Stegosaurus and T. rex than between T. rex and you! It was about 80 million years early!

Joke 17 Why did the silly nickname for Stegosaurus's tail spikes last so long?  ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- The true bit: The spikes on a Stegosaurus tail are nicknamed the "thagomizer". The name began as a joke in a cartoon, and scientists liked the joke so much that many of them use it too. Because it stuck!	Joke 18 Why didn't Stegosaurus ever have to mow the lawn?  ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- The true bit: When Stegosaurus was alive, grass hadn't appeared yet. Plant-eaters munched ferns, horsetails and conifers instead. There wasn't any grass yet!
Joke 19 Why did Brachiosaurus's mom never have to say "eat your greens"?  ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- The true bit: Even though Brachiosaurus had only 50 teeth or less, it could eat 100 to 400 kilograms (220 to 881 pounds) of plants every day! It never stopped eating them!	Joke 20 Why did nobody ever tell Brachiosaurus to chew with its mouth closed?  ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- The true bit: Brachiosaurus swallowed its leaves whole, without chewing. It didn't chew at all!
Joke 21 What's the best thing about having a Brachiosaurus for a friend?  ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- The true bit: Its long neck helped it reach the highest leaves on trees, where the best food was. It can always get your kite out of the tree!	Joke 22 Why is Brachiosaurus like a jigsaw puzzle from a yard sale?  ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- The true bit: Nobody has found a complete Brachiosaurus skeleton, so scientists borrow from its African cousin, Giraffatitan. Some of the pieces are missing!
Joke 23 Why did the giraffe suddenly feel small?  ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- The true bit: Brachiosaurus's long front legs tilted its body up, so it could reach leaves high in the trees, a bit like a giraffe. It met a Brachiosaurus!	Joke 24 What's the difference between a Velociraptor and a big turkey?  ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- The true bit: Velociraptors were small, like a big turkey, but very fast! They could run up to 65 kilometers per hour, faster than most humans. That's about 40 miles! About 70 million years. Oh, and the turkey is way slower!

Joke 25 Why did the real Velociraptor walk out of the dinosaur movie?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Movie raptors are about twice the size of real ones. And real Velociraptors had feathers; scientists found the bumps on an arm bone where they were attached. They made it twice as big and forgot its feathers!	Joke 26 Why is a Velociraptor always first in the lunch line?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: They could run up to 65 kilometers per hour, faster than most humans. That's about 40 miles! Nobody can catch it!
Joke 27 How do you get a Velociraptor to tell you its secrets?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Velociraptor was a meat-eater. It probably ate lizards, small mammals and eggs. Bring snacks!	Joke 28 Why did the Velociraptor go to the desert for lunch?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: The first Velociraptor was found in the Gobi Desert, in Mongolia, in 1923. For a sand-wich!
Joke 29 What did Spinosaurus say when it met T. rex?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Spinosaurus was even bigger than Tyrannosaurus rex! "Aww, look at the little guy!"	Joke 30 Why did Spinosaurus have a sail on its back?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: The sail on its back was about 1.5 m (5 feet) tall, and scientists still argue about what it was for. What do YOU think? So it could go sailing without a boat!
Joke 31 What did Spinosaurus say after a big fish dinner?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Its teeth were smooth and cone-shaped, and its narrow snout was great for trapping slippery fish. "That was fin-tastic!"	Joke 32 Where does Spinosaurus keep its money?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Spinosaurus ate mostly fish, and its fossils have been found in Egypt and Morocco, in North Africa. In the river bank!

Joke 33 What does Dilophosaurus use to make its head crests shine?  Nail polish! The true bit: Its two head crests were probably covered in the same stuff as your fingernails, and may have been for showing off. Turn me round for the answer!	Joke 34 Why was Dilophosaurus grumpy after watching a dinosaur movie?  They gave it a frill and made it spit poison. It never had either! The true bit: Some people think it was poisonous, but there's no evidence for that. Turn me round for the answer!
Joke 35 What did Dilophosaurus order at the restaurant?  Fish and chips. Hold the chips! The true bit: Its jaws suggest it probably ate fish, but it was still a carnivore. Turn me round for the answer!	Joke 36 Why did the museum's Apatosaurus look so confused?  It was wearing somebody else's head! The true bit: For 45 years, from 1934 to 1979, a famous museum skeleton of Apatosaurus wore the wrong head! Turn me round for the answer!
Joke 37 Why do people keep mixing up Apatosaurus and Brontosaurus?  Apatosaurus means "deceptive lizard". It's been fooling people from the start! The true bit: You might also hear it called Brontosaurus, but they're actually two different dinosaurs. Turn me round for the answer!	Joke 38 How do you take a photo of a whole Apatosaurus?  Step back. Keep going. Keep going. KEEP GOING! The true bit: Apatosaurus was a giant dinosaur that could grow up to 23 meters (75 feet) long! Turn me round for the answer!
Joke 39 Why doesn't Apatosaurus ride the school bus?  It's as long as two of them! The true bit: Apatosaurus was a giant dinosaur that could grow up to 23 meters (75 feet) long! It took several years to grow that big. Turn me round for the answer!	Joke 40 What did Apatosaurus's tail say to the buzzing flies?  "CRACK! Buzz off!" The true bit: Its long, thin tail may have worked like a whip. Turn me round for the answer!

Joke 41 Why did the cows run away from Carnotaurus? Turn me round for the answer! Its name means "meat-eating bull"! The true bit: It had two horns on top of its head, like a bull.	Joke 42 Why doesn't Carnotaurus need a fork? Turn me round for the answer! It swallows dinner in one gulp! The true bit: It was one of the fastest dinosaurs, capable of swallowing its prey in a single gulp!
Joke 43 Why did Carnotaurus sit out "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes"? Turn me round for the answer! It couldn't reach any of them! The true bit: Carnotaurus was a fast, meat-eating dinosaur with remarkably short arms.	Joke 44 Why is Carnotaurus the hide-and-seek champion? Turn me round for the answer! Scientists have only ever found one! The true bit: Only one Carnotaurus skeleton has ever been found. It was dug up in Argentina in 1984.
Joke 45 Why is Carnotaurus no good at tickling? Turn me round for the answer! It has no feathers! The true bit: Fossil skin shows that Carnotaurus had scales over much of its body, and no feathers have ever been found.	Joke 46 Why did the knight want to be friends with Ankylosaurus? Turn me round for the answer! They had matching outfits! The true bit: Imagine a dinosaur as armored as a knight and as powerful as a tank: that was Ankylosaurus!
Joke 47 What's Ankylosaurus's favorite sport? Turn me round for the answer! Golf. It brings its own club! The true bit: But its secret weapon was its tail club, which made it even more powerful!	Joke 48 What did T. rex say after it tried to bite an Ankylosaurus? Turn me round for the answer! "Ow! My teeth!" The true bit: Ankylosaurus lived at the same time as T. rex, and its back was covered in bony armor.

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Joke 49 Why is Ankylosaurus like a flat-pack wardrobe?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Nobody has ever found a complete Ankylosaurus skeleton, so nobody knows exactly how its armor was arranged. Nobody can agree how the pieces go together!	Joke 50 What sound does an Ankylosaurus make when it sits down?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Its body was covered in bony plates, and its name means "fused lizard". CLANK!
Joke 51 Why wasn't Pteranodon allowed into the dinosaur club?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Pteranodon was a pterosaur, a flying reptile that lived at the same time as the dinosaurs. It wasn't a dinosaur at all. It isn't a dinosaur! (It flew in anyway.)	Joke 52 Why did Pteranodon never go to the dentist?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Its name means "wing without tooth". It had no teeth at all, and fossils show that it ate fish. It didn't have any teeth!
Joke 53 What's the only thing wrong with calling Pteranodon a "flying dinosaur"?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Pterosaurs weren't dinosaurs. The real flying dinosaurs are birds! The "dinosaur" part!	Joke 54 Why did the dinosaur cross the road?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Trick question! Chickens ARE dinosaurs. Birds evolved from small meat-eating dinosaurs, so every bird alive today is a dinosaur. Because chickens hadn't been invented yet!
Joke 55 What do you call a dinosaur that goes "cluck, cluck"?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: Birds are living dinosaurs, and at least 11,000 kinds of birds are alive today. A chicken!	Joke 56 What do you call a dinosaur that's fast asleep?  Turn me round for the answer! The true bit: "Dinosaur" means "terrible lizard". A scientist called Richard Owen made up the word in 1842. A dino-snore!

Joke 57 Ages 6+ What do you call a dinosaur that knows lots and lots of words? ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- A thesaurus! The true bit: Real dinosaur names are built from old Greek and Latin words: "saurus" means lizard, "tri" means three and "rex" means king.	Joke 58 Ages 3+ How do you say "I love you" in dinosaur? ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- "RAWR!" The true bit: Nobody knows exactly what dinosaurs sounded like, because the soft body parts that make sounds almost never became fossils. Scientists look at their closest living relatives, birds and crocodiles, for clues.
Joke 59 Ages 6+ What's the smallest thing about the biggest dinosaur? ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- Its egg! The true bit: A titanosaur, one of the biggest animals ever to walk the Earth, hatched from an egg about the size of a grapefruit.	Joke 60 Ages 6+ What do you call a paleontologist who sleeps all day? ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- Lazy bones! The true bit: A paleontologist is a scientist who studies fossils: bones, teeth, footprints and even dinosaur eggs.
Joke 61 Ages 6+ Knock knock. Who's there? Egg. Egg who? ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- Egg-cited to meet you! I just hatched! The true bit: Dinosaur eggs can turn into fossils, just like bones and teeth.	Joke 62 Ages 6+ Knock knock. Who's there? Raptor. Raptor who?  ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- Raptor present yet? The party starts soon! The true bit: Velociraptors were small, like a big turkey, but very fast!
Joke 63 Ages 3+ Knock knock. Who's there? Diloph. Diloph who?  ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- Dilophosaurus! Don't worry, I don't spit! The true bit: Some people think it was poisonous, but there's no evidence for that.	Joke 64 Ages 6+ Knock knock. Who's there? Bronto. Bronto who?  ----- Turn me round for the answer! ----- Brontosaurus? No! I'm Apatosaurus. Everybody mixes us up! The true bit: You might also hear it called Brontosaurus, but they're actually two different dinosaurs.

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