

AM I A DINOSAUR?



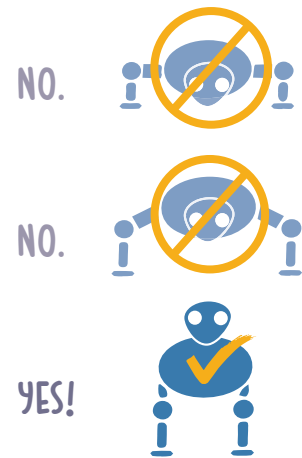
Not all prehistoric animals are dinosaurs.
What makes a dinosaur a dinosaur?

What you need:

- ☐ Animal cards
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Sorting labels
- ☐ Dinosaur toy or picture
- ☐ Lizard toy or picture
- ☐ Poster

What to do:

1. Cut out the animal cards and sorting labels.
2. Which animals do you think are dinosaurs? Make your best guess and sort the cards into three piles: **Dinosaurs, Not Dinosaurs, and Not Sure.**
3. Study the poster to find out what makes a dinosaur a dinosaur.
4. Compare the legs of the two animal toys or pictures. Which one is a dinosaur, and which one is a lizard?
5. Sort the animal cards again by asking these three questions for each animal. If you can answer **YES** to **all three** questions, the animal is a dinosaur!



Am I a reptile?

Hint: reptiles do not have fur, but they do have a backbone and they lay eggs.

Do I live on land?

I might wander into water to find food, but I live on land.

Are my legs positioned straight under my body and not spread out to the side?

Check your answers at the bottom of the page. Did any of the results surprise you?



Find the smallest dinosaur, and the biggest dinosaur.

Sort cards by animals that lived during the same time period.

Not Dinosaurs

Pteranodon
Shastaurus
Smilodon
Spike-toothed Salmon
Thalattosaurus
Western Meadowlark
Fire Ant
Giant Ground Sloth
Monarch Butterfly
Pacific Tree Frog
Plesiosaurus
American Alligator
Camelops
Collared Lizard
Columbian Mammoth
Dimetrodon

Dinosaurs

Allosaurus
Ankylosaurus
Camarasaurus
Coelophysis
Deinonychus
Dilophosaurus
Edmontosaurus
Gigantosaur
Iguanodon
Oregon's Ornithomimid
Pachycephalosaurus
Parasaurolophus
Rebachisaurus
Stegosaurus
Triceratops
Tyrannosaurus