

# Dinosaurs

Use the following words to complete the passage.

*fossils*  
*century*  
*scientists*

*size*  
*elephant*  
*unsolved*

*found*  
*skeleton*  
*million*

*dinosaur*  
*hunted*  
*plains*

*mystery*  
*foothills*  
*every*

Dinosaurs were amazing creatures. Some were plant-eaters while others were meat-eaters. Some were the .....<sup>(1)</sup> of a chicken! Others were many times bigger than an .....<sup>(2)</sup> but with a brain the same size as your pet cat's! They lived millions of years ago, but .....<sup>(3)</sup> discover several new kinds of dinosaur fossil .....<sup>(4)</sup> year. Discoveries are mainly made in China, Mongolia, the central .....<sup>(5)</sup> of the USA, Argentina and Australia.

At the start of this .....<sup>(6)</sup>, two fossils were discovered in China. They were about 130 .....<sup>(7)</sup> years old. One is the first to be .....<sup>(8)</sup> with its feather-like body covering still intact.

Recently, researchers in the .....<sup>(9)</sup> of the Andes Mountains found the almost complete .....<sup>(10)</sup> of a meat-eater. It is possibly the world's oldest .....<sup>(11)</sup> fossil—230 million years old! (It would take you 11 days to count to one million!) The same expedition also found .....<sup>(12)</sup>



of two predators near a river. They had a bird-like skull and .....<sup>(13)</sup> their prey standing upright on two hind legs.

We know a lot about them—but the .....<sup>(14)</sup> of why dinosaurs disappeared still remains .....<sup>(15)</sup>.