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Scientists believe dinosaurs sounded like birds

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago. We don't really know what they sounded like. There are many movies with dinosaurs making all kinds of roars and screams, but these noises are just guesses that movie directors make. A new discovery has given scientists a better idea of what dinosaurs sounded like. The scientists examined a rare fossil from a dinosaur called an ankylosaur. The fossil is 78 million years old. It includes a record of the ankylosaur's voice box. The scientists think the shape of the creature's voice box means it probably made bird-like sounds.

The research was led by a dinosaur researcher at the Fukushima Museum in Japan. He did many tests on the shape of the fossilized voice box. He compared it with the voice box of birds, crocodiles and turtles. He now has an idea of what the voice box muscles looked like. The muscles controlled the sounds of the voice box. The research may mean that movies like Jurassic Park got it wrong. Tyrannosaurus rex probably made more of a tweeting sound, like a bird. Hollywood may have to change its scary roars in future dinosaur films to a tweet-tweet sound.

Sources: <https://www.iflscience.com/spiky-armored-ankylosaurs-may-have-sounded-like-birds-according-to-a-rare-fossil-67719>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Dinosaurs died out | a. years old |
| 2. We don't really know what | b. with dinosaurs |
| 3. There are many movies | c. a rare fossil |
| 4. making all kinds of roars | d. like sounds |
| 5. A new discovery has given scientists | e. 65 million years ago |
| 6. The scientists examined | f. a better idea |
| 7. The fossil is 78 million | g. they sounded like |
| 8. it probably made bird- | h. and screams |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. The research was led | a. voice box of birds |
| 2. He did many tests | b. films |
| 3. He compared it with the | c. the sounds |
| 4. He now has an | d. on the shape |
| 5. The muscles controlled | e. change its scary roars |
| 6. movies like Jurassic Park | f. by a dinosaur researcher |
| 7. Hollywood may have to | g. got it wrong |
| 8. in future dinosaur | h. idea |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago. We don't really know what (1) _____. There are many movies with dinosaurs making all kinds of roars and screams, but these noises (2) _____ that movie directors make. A new discovery has given scientists a (3) _____ what dinosaurs sounded like. The scientists examined a (4) _____ a dinosaur called an ankylosaur. The fossil is 78 million years old. It includes a record of the ankylosaur's voice box. The scientists (5) _____ of the creature's voice box means it probably made (6) _____.

The research (7) _____ a dinosaur researcher at the Fukushima Museum in Japan. He did (8) _____ the shape of the fossilized voice box. He compared it with the voice box of birds, crocodiles and turtles. He now has (9) _____ what the voice box muscles looked like. The muscles controlled (10) _____ the voice box. The research may mean that movies like Jurassic Park got it wrong. Tyrannosaurus rex probably made (11) _____ tweeting sound, like a bird. Hollywood may have to change its scary roars in future dinosaur (12) _____ tweet-tweet sound.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DINOSAUR SOUNDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about dinosaur sounds in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **dinosaur sounds** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
