

- 2) Using the information from the Dino Directory, create a top three 'most deadly dinosaurs' page, justifying the reasons for your ranking with evidence from the website and other sources.
- 3) Imagine that you have travelled in time and encounter one of these incredible creatures! Write an account of your meeting with a dinosaur. This could be expanded into a full story.

Top three deadly dino's

In at number one:

Tyrannosaurus rex ("tie-RAN-a-SORE-uss rex") needs no introduction; its reputation as the ultimate carnivore and most lethal dinosaur ever to roam the Earth precedes it. Tyrannosaurus rex (T-rex for short) literally means "tyrant lizard king", and there can be no doubt that it lived up to its name.

Standing over five metres (16.4 feet) tall and 12 metres (39.4 feet) long, and weighing a staggering seven tons (15,400 pounds), T-rex was once thought to have been the largest terrestrial carnivore in history, but other creatures have tested it.

It walked on a pair of powerful hind legs and could run as fast as a professional footballer; with a brain larger than most other dinosaurs-no wonder it wears the crown as the most deadly.

Being beaten to the top:

The mighty Utahraptor ("YOU-tah-RAP-tor") was three times larger and meaner than its cousin, the Velociraptor. Armed with a 30-centimetre (12-inch)-long sickle-shaped claw on each hind foot, it would kick, rip and tear its prey to death. Its leg bones were unusually thick, in order to support the powerful muscles dedicated to repeatedly driving the killing claw into its prey.

In keeping with its smaller raptor cousins, it's possible that Utahraptor hunted in packs, like terrible wolves, and targeted prey many times larger than itself. I wouldn't like to meet this thing out on a walk!

Finally:

Star of the infamous kitchen scene in Jurassic Park, the curious creature with the deadly curved toe claw has been terrorising nightmares for years!

The film may have overstated their size and stripped them of their feathers, but it did get some things right: Velociraptors ("vel-OSS-e-RAP-tors") were fast and polished predators that were extremely agile and intelligence, and may have hunted in packs.

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Waking up this morning, I felt different. The air was different. My bed felt different. Where on earth was I? Maybe I shouldn't have had that last piece of cheese before bed!

Peeling open my heavy eyes, I breathed in the hot-humid air which burnt as it travelled around my shocked lungs. A sea of green blurred my vision- I had never seen so many different types of leaves. Some jagged, some feather-like, some the size of a small park!

Roar! A sound so loud made my bed beneath me tremble with fear- was I in danger? With one swift jump, I clambered under my bed and peered out onto the vast, green wasteland. That was when I noticed the footprints. These weren't just footprints you would see in the forest- unless a giant was on the loose- footprints the length of my house!