

# YOU MAY JUST BE A DINOSAUR

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## STUDY GUIDE AND ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS AND LIBRARIANS

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### ABOUT THE BOOK

Do you think that you may be a dinosaur? If your claws puncture kickballs, you use a whole tree to brush your teeth, and your tail spikes *always* rip through your pants, it's possible that you may just be a dinosaur. *Apatosaurus* chomps and *Velociraptor* romps in this hilarious, informative rhyming picture book. Bright illustrations show children the tail-thumping chaos a *Spinosaurus* could cause trying to find dinner in a refrigerator and why a *T. rex* should never, ever try to take the school bus. Featuring information on dinosaurs' sizes, diets, health, and social lives, ***You May Just Be a Dinosaur*** is a prehistoric parade of the funniest, punniest, chummiest dinos you'll ever see in the schoolyard!

### BEFORE YOU READ

- Discuss how your students get ready for school each morning. Do they brush their teeth, brush their hair, or eat breakfast? What other things do they do to prepare?
- Ask your students how they travel to school. Is it by bus, by car, or by walking?
- Ask your students what their favorite activity or course in school is? Is it recess or art?
- Lastly, ask your students how these activities may be different...if they were dinosaurs! Would these tasks be easier or more difficult? Why?
- These questions will generate giggles and creative thinking, as well as get the ball rolling for this fun, prehistoric read!

## WHILE YOU READ

- Enjoy discussing the fun dinosaur facts that are located throughout the book.
- Suggestion: have your students “roar” along each time you say the words “You May Just Be a Dinosaur” or “It sounds like you’re a dinosaur”! This will create interactive and engaging fun.

## AFTER YOU READ

- Ask your students what other tasks may be difficult for them to complete if they were dinosaurs.
- Discuss what “fun” things kids would do for the day if they were dinosaurs.
- Lastly, complete this fun study and activity guide, complete with coloring pages, word puzzles, and mazes. Enjoy!

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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Heather Macht has been creating stories about dinosaurs since childhood. She earned her AA in fine arts from Florida State College at Jacksonville and had a career in business before becoming a full-time writer and mom. An active member of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, Macht lives with her family in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

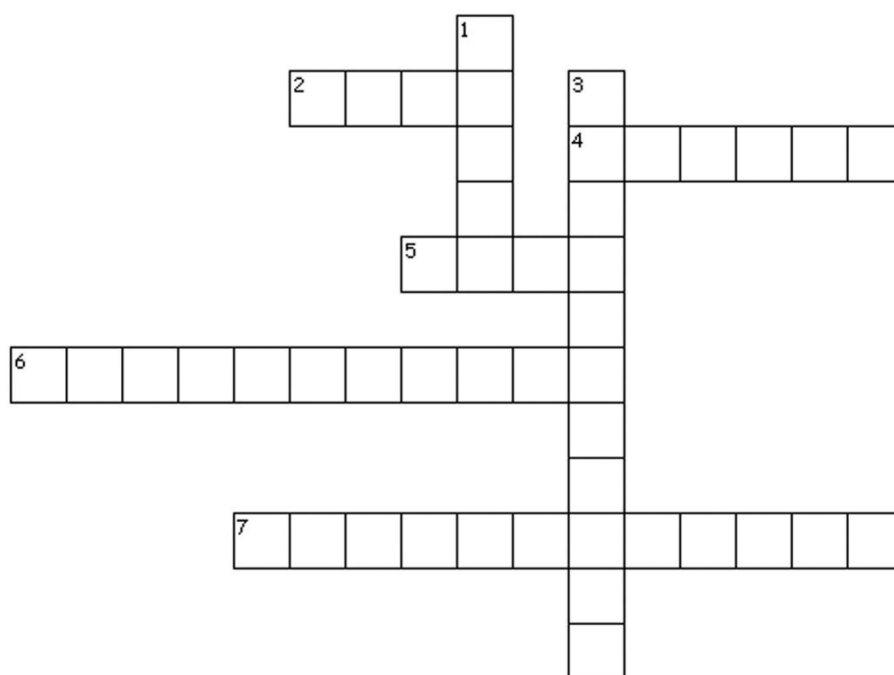


### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

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# Criss Cross Dino-Puzzle!



## Across

2. The Spinosaurus had a large \_\_\_\_\_ that went down its back.
4. The Stegosaurus had 17 bony \_\_\_\_\_ down its back.
5. The Tyrannosaurus was a \_\_\_\_\_ eating dinosaur.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ had three horns on its face.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ had long toenails.

## Down

1. The Microraptor could \_\_\_\_\_ from tree to tree.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ was a long-necked, plant-eating dinosaur.

## Match the Dinosaurs to their Time Periods!

Did you know that all dinosaurs didn't live together at the same time? They lived in different time periods!

The three time periods were as follows:

**Triassic:** 250 – 200 Million Years Ago

**Jurassic:** 200 – 145 Million Years Ago

**Cretaceous:** 145 – 65 Million Years Ago

All of these time periods were part of the Mesozoic Era, which was millions of years before humans were alive!

**Directions:** On the next page, draw a line to match the dinosaur with their characteristics. This will help you find out what time period they lived in!

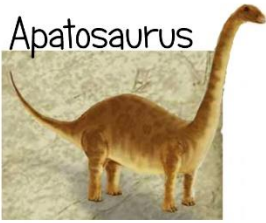


## Dinosaur

## Characteristics

## Time Period

Apatosaurus



A large meat-eating dinosaur, weighing over 7 tons.



Late Cretaceous Period

Stegosaurus



A meat-eating dinosaur with around 60 sharp teeth, and very sharp claws.



Late Jurassic Period

Tyrannosaurus



A large meat-eating dinosaur that fed mainly on aquatic animals.



Late Cretaceous Period

Velociraptor



A large dinosaur with a long neck that only ate plants.



Late Jurassic Period

Spinosaurus



A gliding dinosaur that was the size of a pigeon.



Early Cretaceous Period

Triceratops



A dinosaur with 17 bony plates that went down its back.



Late Jurassic Period

Microaptor



A dinosaur that had 3 horns on its face (one above each eye, and one on its snout).



Late Cretaceous Period

# Dino-Double Puzzle!

Unscramble the words to solve the puzzle! Use the letters and numbers from the unscrambled words to complete the final saying at the bottom of the page.

Hints can be found on the next page!

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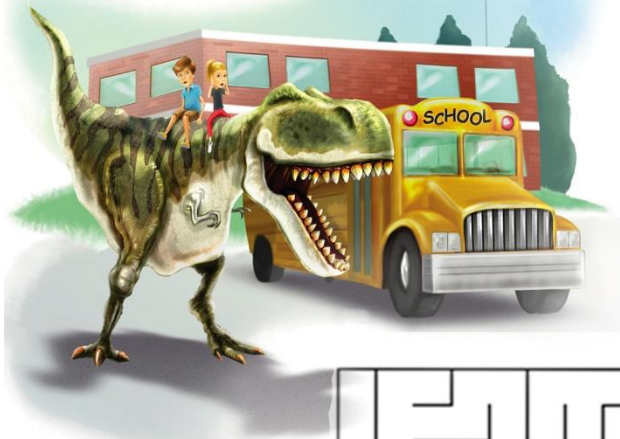
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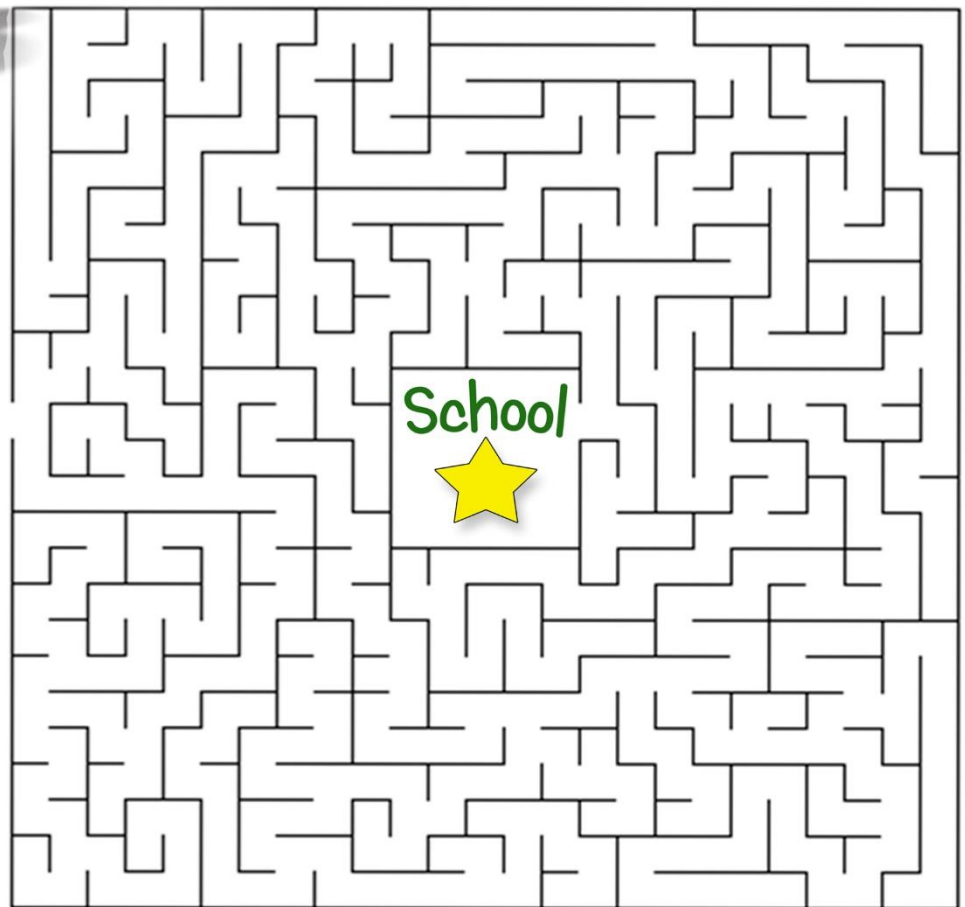
1. This dinosaur had feathers on each of its arms and legs.
2. A dinosaur would be too large to fit on a school \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Plant eating dinosaurs ate \_\_\_\_\_ for breakfast.
4. This was a large, meat-eating dinosaur.
5. A Velociraptor had a mouth full of very sharp \_\_\_\_\_.
6. This sport would be difficult for dinosaurs.
7. This dinosaur was also called "three-horned face".
8. Dinosaurs would \_\_\_\_\_ instead of speaking.
9. Four-legged dinosaurs would \_\_\_\_\_ while standing.
10. The spinosaurus may have only eaten \_\_\_\_\_ animals.
11. The stegosaurus had bony \_\_\_\_\_ that went down its back.
12. Some dinosaurs may have counted their horns for their \_\_\_\_\_.

Key: 1. Microraptor 2. Bus 3. Leaves 4. Tyrannosaurus 5. Teeth 6. Kickball 7. Triceratops 8. Roar  
9. Sleep 10. Aquatic 11. Plates 12. Homework \*Answer: You May Just Be A Dinosaur

Help the Dinosaur get to School!



Start



School





Color the Dinosaur!

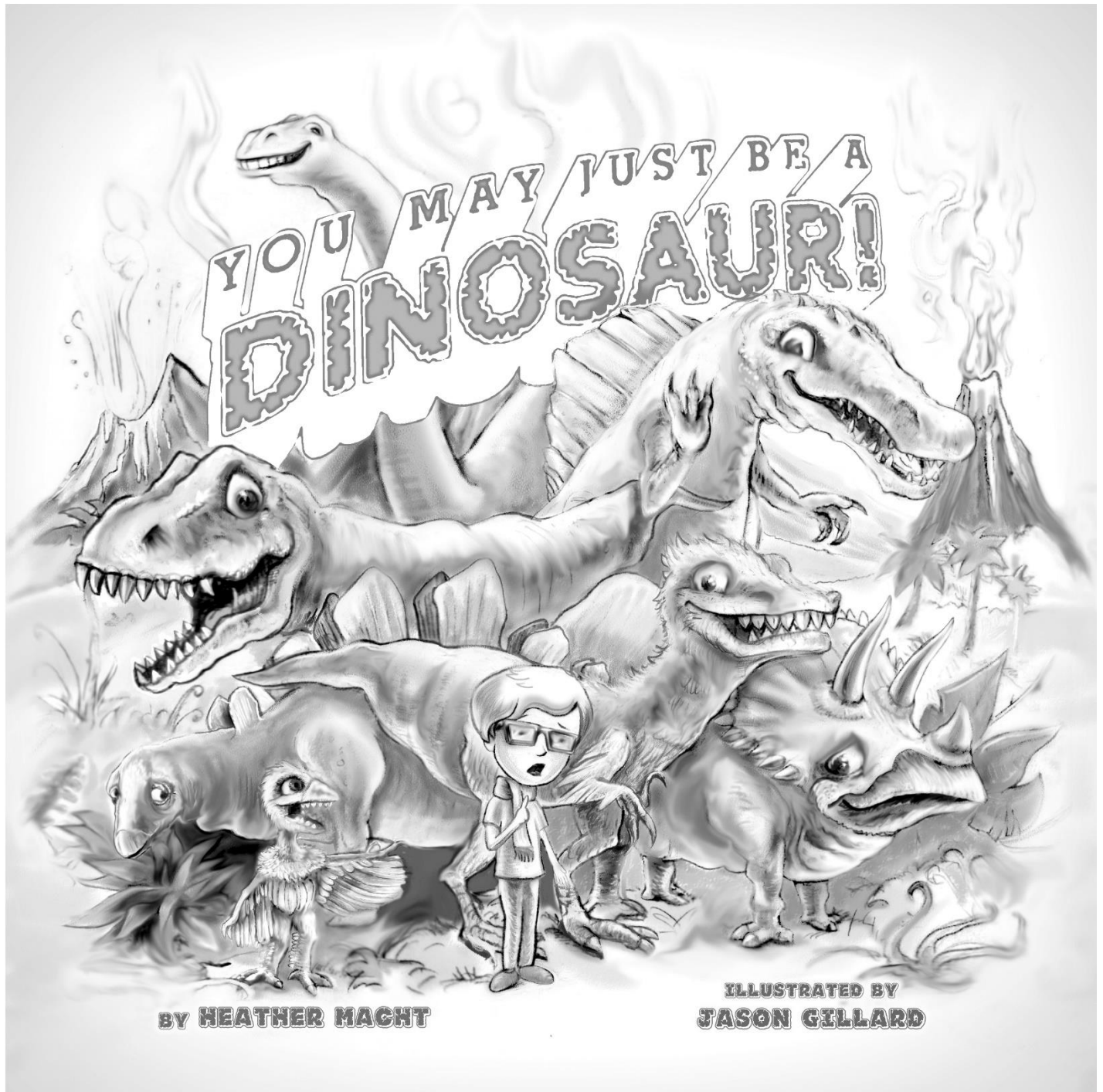
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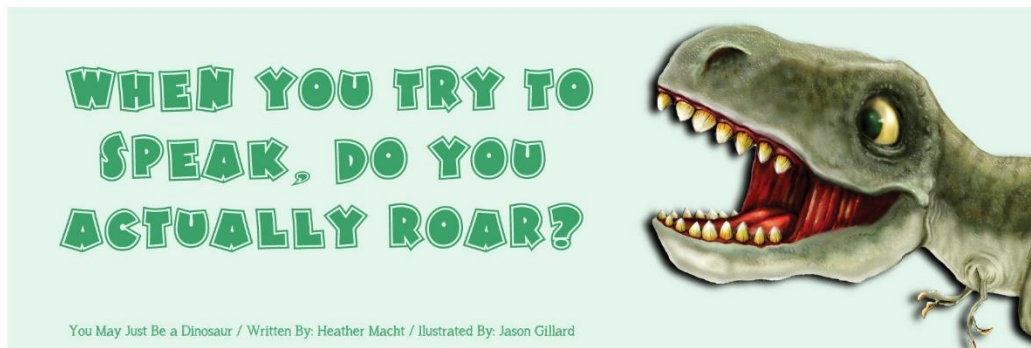
Color the Book Cover!



# Make Your Own Bookmark!

Cut out each piece and glue them together.  
Let bookmark dry and enjoy!

Front:



Back:





Fa-la-la-la-ROAR!!

## Dino-tarpit Holiday Cookies

An easy step-by-step guide  
with pictures included!

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### DINO-TARPIT HOLIDAY COOKIES

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So many kids, and adults even, LOVE dinosaurs! And, let's face it... this was a huge year for dinosaurs, too, given the *Jurassic World* movie release. Since I have some little dinosaur lovers at home, I went to the drawing board and thought of ways to combine dinosaurs and holiday treats, together, to put a unique spin on them.

I came up with the idea of dino-tarpit cookies. Ok, I admit, they sound a little unconventional.

However, they are kid tested and approved...and praised and devoured. 😊

Here's a step by step guide, with pictures, to show just how easy and seriously fun they are to make!

### DINO-TARPIT COOKIES:

#### Ingredients:

- Your favorite cookie dough, pre-made or homemade (enough to make one dozen cookies). *I used Pillsbury Sugar Cookies.*
- Colorful Sugar Sprinkles (optional). *I used Red and Green.*
- Chocolate Melts. *I used Wilton's light cocoa candy melts, found at Walmart.*
- 12 Mini-Vinyl Dinosaurs. *You can get these from any toy store, and may even have some lying around your kid's room. I purchased a pack online at Amazon.*

*\*Note: Please make sure to wash and disinfect the dinosaurs first, of course!*



### Directions:



chocolate.

Let the cookies finish cooling.

Place 1 dozen pieces of rolled batter on a greased cookie sheet. Lightly sprinkle with the colored sprinkles and bake the cookies according to their directions.

After the cookies are done, let them cool for 2 minutes. While the cookies are still soft and malleable, take a large table spoon and place the rounded bottom of the spoon in the center, lightly pressing, to make a pit in the cookie. This will help hold the



Once the cookies cool, heat the chocolate melts according to their directions. Place a spoonful of chocolate in each cookie's center, inside the pit you created earlier. Let the chocolate cool slightly, for approximately 3 minutes, and place a vinyl dinosaur on top of each cookie.

Let the chocolate cool until it is fully hardened. This can take about 30-45 minutes.

Tip: For quicker cooling, you can place the cookies in the fridge (for approx. 10 minutes).

Once cooled, present your holiday treats to the kids, or adult dino-lovers, and enjoy! These are a lot of fun; we shared tons of giggles while eating them. You can even snuggle up and enjoy them while reading along with your favorite holiday or dinosaur book. And, if you don't have a dinosaur book at home, I may just have a great book for you!