

CREATE YOUR OWN Prehistoric Creature

There are fossils of all kinds found in the world today from tiny single celled organisms that look like rice to giant dinosaurs much bigger than our elephants of today. Fossils tell us that the planet's extinct life came in all shapes and sizes. If you were to create your own extinct species of animal, what would it look like?

What kind of creature would you create?

Is it a dinosaur, an extinct mammal like a mammoth, a type of unusual insect, or maybe some sort of sea creature unlike anything found today?

What would your creature be called?

How did your creature get its name?

Is it named after a distinct body feature, after the place where it lived, or maybe the person who found it?

What did your animal eat?

Did it eat a variety of food or specialize in eating something specific?

Draw your creature.

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Did your animal live in groups like a herd or school of fish? Did it live alone?

What did your animal's habitat look like and what was the climate like during the time period when it lived?

*Was it hot or cold? Was it covered in trees or grasses?
Was it very dry like a desert or covered in ocean?*

Why did your animal become extinct?

Did another species move into the area? Did something change the habitat or climate suddenly?

Are fossils of your creature common or very rare?

Draw the footprint of your creature.



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