



What happened to
the dinosaurs?

Dinosaurs lived on earth for 165 million years, in a time known as the Mesozoic Era. This was many millions of years before the first modern humans.



During this time the herbivores (plant-eating dinosaurs) fed on plants and grasses.



The carnivores (meat-eating dinosaurs) fed on other dinosaurs.



Then one day (about 65 million years ago) an asteroid hit earth.



The impact caused dust and debris to fill the air for a very long time. The earth went darker and the plants (that need sunlight to survive) started to die.



With no plants to eat, the herbivores (plant-eating dinosaurs) starved and died.

The carnivores (meat-eating dinosaurs) had less to eat.

Eventually there was no more food, until one day there weren't enough dinosaurs to eat or mate with.

There were no more dinosaurs. They became extinct!



We know dinosaurs existed because we find their remains embedded and preserved in rocks. These are called fossils.



All we have left are the bones and a theory of what we think happened to these terrible lizards (dinosaurs) 65 million years ago.

