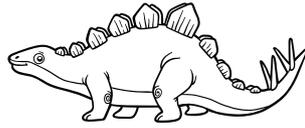


# Stegosaurus

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## Stegosaurus Facts

• The stegosaurus was a large plant-eating dinosaur. They lived about 150 million years ago.



• The word *stegosaurus* means 'roofed lizard'. The man who named it thought the big bony plates on its back looked like roof tiles.

• The stegosaurus grew to 9 metres in length and 4 metres in height.

• The bony plates can be over a metre high.

• Scientists are not sure whether they were for defence or for controlling temperature.

• The stegosaurus didn't have many teeth. It had a toothless beak at the front of its mouth.

• The brain of a stegosaurus was very small compared to its body. It was about the size of a table tennis ball.

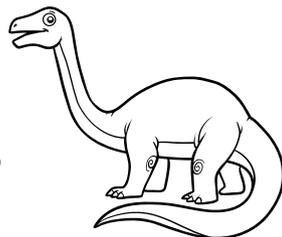
Do you know any more interesting facts about the stegosaurus?

## Herbivores

The stegosaurus was a herbivore. It only ate plants. Scientists believe it ate plants such as mosses, ferns, conifers and fruits. However, the stegosaurus didn't eat grass because there was no grass where they lived.

Do you know any other dinosaurs that were herbivores?

What are some animals alive today that are herbivores?



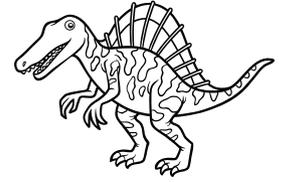
## Armour-Like Skin

The stegosaurus had big bony plates.

What animals today have skin like armour, or hard protective shells?

## Adverbs

Adverbs are words that add information to a verb.



Choose the best adverb to use in each sentence.

The stegosaurus walked **noisily/brightly** through the forests.

The triceratops moved **loudly/quickly** away from the tyrannosaurus.

The ankylosaurus ate the plants **quietly/heavily**.

The stegosaurus swung its tail **angrily/happily** when it was attacked.

The brachiosaurus raised its head **darkly/slowly** to look for danger.

## Number Crunchers

1. Sally the stegosaurus is 5 m long. Sam is 8 m and Suzy is 6 m long. If they stood in a line, what would be their total length? How much longer is Sam compared with Sally?

2. If Sam the stegosaurus eats 10 kg of plants every day, how much will he eat in 3 days? How much will he eat in a week?

3. Suzy the stegosaurus walked 100 m to the river to get a drink. She then walked 50 m to see her friend Sally. Finally she walked 50 m back to her mother. How far did Suzy walk altogether?

