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**Level 1 – 9th March 2023**

## Scientists believe dinosaurs sounded like birds

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago. We don't really know what they sounded like. Movies show dinosaurs making all kinds of roars and screams, but these are guesses, not real. A new discovery gives us a better idea of what dinosaurs sounded like. Scientists examined a rare, 78-million-year-old fossil from a dinosaur called an ankylosaur. The fossil has an image of the ankylosaur's voice box. The shape of this means it probably made bird-like sounds.

A dinosaur researcher in Japan did many tests on the shape of the fossilized voice box. He now has an idea of what the voice box muscles looked like. The muscles controlled the sounds. The research may mean that movies like Jurassic Park got it wrong. Tyrannosaurus rex probably made a tweeting sound, like a bird. Hollywood will have to change the roars in future dinosaur films to a tweet-tweet sound.

Sources: <https://www.iflscience.com/spiky-armored-ankylosaurs-may-have-sounded-like-birds-according-to-a-rare-fossil-67719>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/230309-dinosaur-sounds-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Dinosaurs died out          | a. us a better idea     |
| 2. We don't really know what   | b. like sounds          |
| 3. making all kinds of roars   | c. fossil               |
| 4. these are guesses,          | d. 65 million years ago |
| 5. A new discovery gives       | e. like                 |
| 6. what dinosaurs sounded      | f. they sounded like    |
| 7. a rare, 78-million-year-old | g. and screams          |
| 8. it probably made bird-      | h. not real             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A dinosaur researcher         | a. dinosaur films        |
| 2. the shape of the fossilized   | b. controlled the sounds |
| 3. He now has an                 | c. in Japan              |
| 4. what the voice box muscles    | d. the roars             |
| 5. The muscles                   | e. looked like           |
| 6. Hollywood will have to change | f. sound                 |
| 7. in future                     | g. idea                  |
| 8. a tweet-tweet                 | h. voice box             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Dinosaurs died out 65 (1) \_\_\_\_\_. We don't really know what they sounded like. Movies show dinosaurs making all kinds of (2) \_\_\_\_\_, but these are guesses, not real. A new discovery (3) \_\_\_\_\_ better idea of what dinosaurs sounded like. Scientists (4) \_\_\_\_\_, 78-million-year-old fossil from a dinosaur called an ankylosaur. The fossil (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the ankylosaur's voice box. The shape of this (6) \_\_\_\_\_ made bird-like sounds.

A dinosaur researcher in Japan did many tests (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the fossilized voice box. He now has (8) \_\_\_\_\_ what the voice box muscles looked like. The muscles (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The research may mean that movies like Jurassic Park got it wrong. Tyrannosaurus rex (10) \_\_\_\_\_ tweeting sound, like a bird. Hollywood will have to change (11) \_\_\_\_\_ future dinosaur (12) \_\_\_\_\_ tweet-tweet sound.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# DINOSAUR SOUNDS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/230309-dinosaur-sounds-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about dinosaur sounds in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

