

# WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Some dinosaurs are named after the places their fossils were found, or the people who found them. But most dinosaurs' names are made by putting together two or more Greek or Latin root words to describe the animal's appearance or behavior.

Create your own unique dinosaur by combining one or more Greek root prefix words from Group 1 with one Greek suffix word from Group 2.

## GROUP 1

allo- (different)  
baro- (heavy)  
brachy- (short)  
cephalo- (head)  
chiro- (hand)  
dino- (terrible)  
draco- (dragon)  
lepto- (slender)  
macro- (large)  
mono- (one)  
nano- (dwarf)  
ornitho- (bird)  
pachy- (thick)  
plateo- (flat)  
stego- (plated)  
tyranno- (tyrant)

ankylo- (bent)  
brachio- (arm)  
bronto- (thunder)  
cerato- (horned)  
crypto- (hidden)  
di- (two)  
kentro- (spur)  
lopho- (crested)  
micro- (small)  
masso- (bulky)  
nycho- (claw)  
ovi- (egg)  
penta- (five)  
poly- (many)  
tri- (three)  
veloci- (fast)

## GROUP 2

-gnathus (jaw)  
-mimus (mimic)  
-odon (tooth)  
-pod (foot)  
-raptor (thief)  
-saurus (lizard)  
-suchus (crocodile)

