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What's in a Name?

Dinosaur names are fun to learn once you know what the word parts mean. Dinosaurs are given their names based on a certain body part or characteristic.

Part 1: Study the chart of Latin and Greek word parts; then write the meaning of each dinosaur's name.

Word Part	Meaning	Word Part	Meaning	Word Part	Meaning
<i>allo</i>	different	<i>don, donto</i>	tooth	<i>ornith, ornitho</i>	bird
<i>ankylo</i>	crooked	<i>ichthyo</i>	fish	<i>ovi</i>	egg
<i>apato</i>	deceptive	<i>iguano</i>	like a lizard	<i>pachy</i>	thick
<i>archaeo</i>	very old	<i>lestes</i>	robber, pirate	<i>ptero, pteryx</i>	wing
<i>brachio</i>	arm	<i>lopho</i>	crested	<i>raptor</i>	grabbing
<i>cephalo</i>	head	<i>maia</i>	good mother	<i>saur, sauro, saurus</i>	lizard
<i>cerat, ceros</i>	horn	<i>mega, megalo</i>	great, big	<i>stego</i>	covered, plated
<i>dactylus</i>	finger	<i>micro</i>	small	<i>tri</i>	three
<i>deino, dino</i>	terrible	<i>mimus</i>	imitate	<i>tyranno</i>	tyrant
<i>di</i>	two	<i>nychus, onyx, onychus</i>	claw	<i>veloci</i>	swift, fast
<i>diplo</i>	double	<i>ops</i>	face		

Example: Stegosaurus *stego + saurus = plated lizard*

1. Tyrannosaurus *tyranno + saurus* _____
2. Allosaurus *allo + saurus* _____
3. Brachiosaurus *brachio + saurus* _____
4. Triceratops *tri + cerot + ops* _____
5. Ichthyosaurus *ichthyo + saurus* _____
6. Iguanodon *iguana + don* _____
7. Maiasaurus *maia + saurus* _____
8. Velociraptor *veloci + raptor* _____
9. Pachycephalosaurus *pachy + cephalo + saurus* _____
10. Ornitholestes *ornitho + lestes* _____

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Part 2: Create new dinosaur names using the word part chart. Write the name, word parts, and the meaning of each dinosaur's name.

	<u>Dinosaur Name</u>	<u>Word Parts</u>	<u>Name Meaning</u>
11.	_____	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____

Part 3 (After *Dinosaur Quest* visit): Pretend that you are a scientist who has just discovered a new dinosaur species. Use what you have learned from the visit and other activities to design your dinosaur. Name your dinosaur and describe what the dinosaur looked like, what it ate, and some of its behaviors. Be sure to explain why you gave it the name you did.