

PREHISTORIC PUZZLE

Can you figure out how the dinosaur fossil puzzle pieces go together?

- Prehistoric means any time before people were writing down what was happening in the world.
- Dinosaurs were prehistoric because they lived on the Earth over 65 million years ago. No one was running around taking pictures and writing notes that long ago.
- Paleontologists are scientists who study fossils to learn about the animals and plants that lived in prehistoric times.
- Sometimes paleontologists find fossils all in a jumble, and they have to figure out how to put together the animal they have found.



That's your job with this jumbled up dinosaur puzzle!

Materials:

- Dinosaur skeleton puzzle pieces (page 2)
- Entire dinosaur skeleton (page 3)
- Scissors
- Piece of construction paper, colored paper, or the inside of a cereal box
- Glue
- Colored pencils, markers or crayons



Directions:

1. Print out page 2 that has all the skeleton pieces on it.
2. Cut out the pieces of the dinosaur skeleton
3. Take the pieces and figure out where they go to build your dinosaur. Can you find its head? Where is its tail? How about its legs?
4. Once you have put together all the skeleton pieces, glue them onto the construction paper in order.
5. Draw a background and color it in around your dinosaur.
6. To make your own puzzle pieces, cut up the skeleton on page 3 any way you want. Challenge your family and friends to put it together!



