

Phonics – Friday 17th July



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Today we are going to answer some comprehension questions about 'A very dangerous dinosaur'.

The story is still attached, so make sure you look carefully in the text to find the answers.

You will have two different types of questions.

- 'Find It' - you need to turn to the page, read the question and find the answer.
- 'Prove It' - you need to turn to the page, read the question, find your evidence and explain why.



Page 9 (Find it): What was the rumour going round dinosaur land?

Page 10 (Prove it): What does Snatchosaurus do?

Page 11 (Prove it): Why do you think the other dinosaurs felt they couldn't protect themselves from Snatchosaurus?

Page 12 (Find it): What happened to Stegosaurus' egg?

Page 13 (Prove it): Why do you think Torosaurus left her eggs when she knew they were at risk? What would you do?

Page 14 (Prove it): How do you think Baby felt? What do you think Brachiosaurus said to Baby?

Page 15 (Prove it): Do you think the plan would really have worked? Why?

Challenge questions:

- Which words on page 10 help you to understand what Snatchosaurus is like?
- Why can't herbivorous dinosaurs protect their eggs from Snatosaurus?
- Why did the dinosaurs have to leave their nests?
- Why was Baby Brachiosaurus hiding in a cave?
- What plan did Brachiosaurus come up with?
What do you think of her idea?

A very dangerous dinosaur

There was a rumour going round
in dinosaur land.

Stegosaurus had told Torosaurus,
Torosaurus had told Brachiosaurus -
and now they all knew.

A new kind of dinosaur -
the most ferocious yet -
was stalking the forests.

His name was Snatchosaurus!



There was even a song about him:

"Vicious Snatchosaurus prowls through our lands,
With spikes on his feet, and claws on his hands,
Crashing through the treetops on mountainous legs,
Making his dinner from *dinosaur eggs*!"

This sounded serious.

The other dinosaurs got together
to talk about it.



Stegosaurus was suspicious. Torosaurus was curious.

But Brachiosaurus was furious! "What a cheek!" she bellowed.

"We herbivorous dinosaurs can't protect our eggs from the likes of him."



("What does 'herbivorous' mean, Mum?" squeaked Baby Brachiosaurus.

"It means 'eating plants, not meat'," thundered Brachiosaurus. "Now shush!")

The next day, Stegosaurus left her nest to find food.

There was one egg in the nest, and it would soon be ready to hatch.

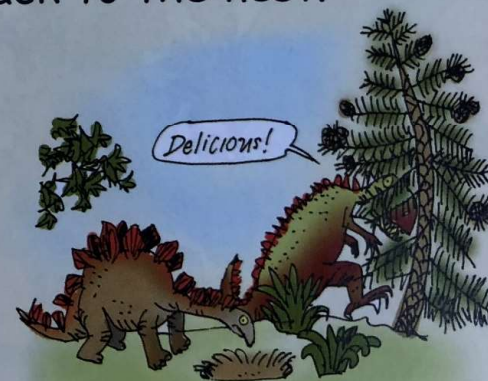
As she lumbered along, munching on bits of fern,
Stegosaurus thought anxiously about her precious egg.

When her huge belly was full, she trotted back to the nest.

The egg had gone!

And Snatchosaurus was disappearing
behind a fir tree, licking his enormous lips.

"Delicious!" he declared.



The day after that, Torosaurus left her nest.

She had two fine eggs, and she was looking forward to having two gorgeous tiny Torosauruses.

When she returned, chewing nervously on a tree trunk, the two eggs had gone!

And Snatchosaurus was disappearing behind a rock, spitting out bits of shell.

"Marvellous!" he hiccuped.





The day after that, Brachiosaurus kissed her three monstrous eggs and stomped off to the forest.

"Don't leave the nest!" she told Baby.

When she came back, dragging a leafy bush for Baby, the three eggs had gone! And Snatchosaurus was disappearing behind a waterfall, wiping his hideous mouth on a banana leaf.

"Scrumptious!" he cried.

(As for Baby - he was hiding in a cave, shaking from nose to tail.)

"This is ridiculous!" boomed Brachiosaurus. Then she had her *big idea*.



"Snatchosaurus is a very dangerous dinosaur," she said.

"So it's obvious! We need to find an *even more dangerous* dinosaur to catch him!"

"But where can we find a dinosaur like that?" asked Stegosaurus, cautiously.

"We will make one!" came the reply.

So they got out their scissors, and their pencils, and their paper,
and their card, and their paints, and their sticky tape ...
and they made ... a Catchasnatchosaurus!
And the famous Snatchosaurus was never seen again!