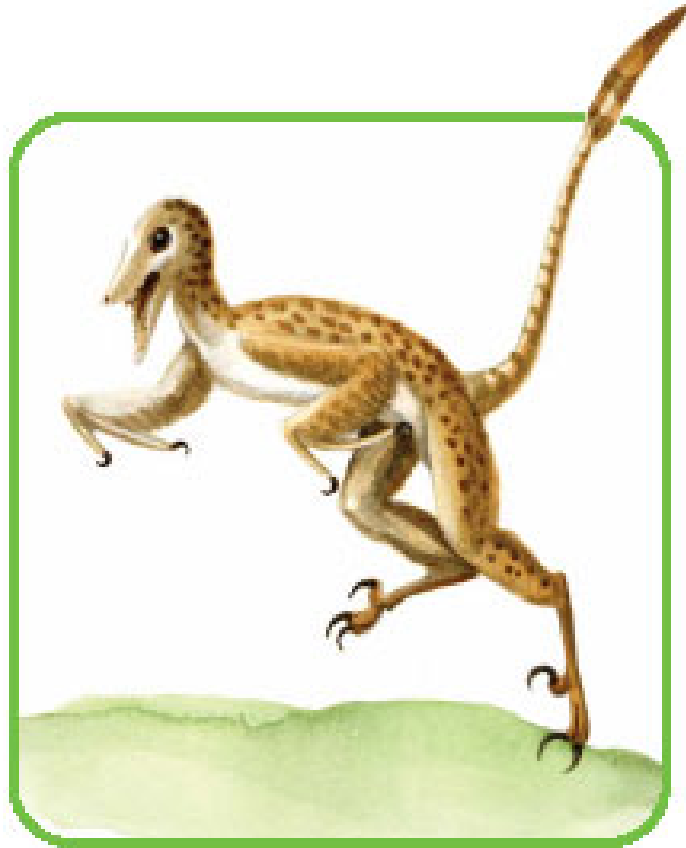


# Tiny Dinosaur Discovered!

Scientists have identified a new dinosaur. It is the smallest dinosaur yet to be found in North America. The dinosaur was smaller than a house cat.



Juni Bro-Jorgensen/MCT/Newscom  
This drawing shows what the tiny dinosaur may have looked like.

The tiny dinosaur had very sharp claws and teeth. It was a carnivore. Scientists say it most likely hunted insects and small animals.

The dinosaur's fossils were actually found almost 30 years ago. They were put in a drawer for safekeeping. A scientist took the fossils out a few years ago. He decided to study them. That led him to make the discovery.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Answer the following four questions based on the information in the passage.

1. What did scientists discover?

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2. What do scientists think that the dinosaur would have eaten?

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3. According to the article, when was the fossil found?

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4. What is this passage mostly about?

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**Directions:** Please read the sentence below and then write the word or phrase that best answers the questions. The first answer has been provided for you.

*A few years ago, scientists learned more about a tiny dinosaur by studying its fossils.*

Who? scientists

5. (did) What?

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6. When?

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7. How?

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8. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

The dinosaur's fossils were actually found almost 30 years ago, \_\_\_\_\_ they were put in a drawer for safekeeping.

- A but
- B because
- C so

**Directions:** Read the vocabulary word and definition below. Then answer questions 9 and 10.

Vocabulary Word: **discover** (dis · cov · er): to find something.

9. Read the sentences below and underline all forms of the word **discover**.
- a. While fixing their house, the family discovered a secret room upstairs.
  - b. The treasure was discovered when a young boy found the treasure box under a tree.
  - c. The students went on a scavenger hunt and discovered the hiding place where he found the prize.
  - d. The police discovered the missing cat in a tree.
  - e. Discovering something helps people to learn more about things from the past.

10. Which of the following men is most likely trying to discover something?



## Teacher Guide and Answer Key

**Passage Reading Level:** Lexile 500

**Featured Text Structure:** Descriptive - the writer explains, defines or illustrates a concept or topic

**Passage Summary:** The passage discusses the discovery of a new dinosaur. It is the smallest dinosaur to be found in North America.

**To the Teacher:** Read the passage aloud to the class [TIP: while reading aloud, show the passage on a whiteboard or give each student a copy of the passage so they can follow along].

Then, use the text-dependent questions 1-8 to facilitate a whole class discussion to ensure students comprehend the key details from the passage.

Finally, use questions 9-10 to deep teach one important vocabulary word [TIP: you can use the model provided for teaching additional vocabulary].

1. What did scientists discover? [Important Detail]

**Suggested answer:** Scientists identified a new dinosaur. It is the smallest dinosaur to be found in North America. The dinosaur was smaller than a house cat. [paragraph 1]

2. What do scientists think that the dinosaur would have eaten? [Important Detail]

**Suggested answer:** Scientists think the dinosaur would have eaten meat. Scientists say that it probably hunted insects and small animals. [paragraph 2]

3. According to the article, when was the fossil found? [Important Detail]

**Suggested answer:** The tiny dinosaur's fossils were found 30 years ago but were put away to keep them safe. [paragraph 3]

4. What is this passage mostly about? [Main Idea]

**Suggested answer:** This passage is mostly about the discovery of a tiny dinosaur. It is the smallest dinosaur to be found in North America.

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Who? scientists

5. (did) What? **learned more about a tiny dinosaur**
6. When? **a few years ago**
7. How? **by studying its fossils**
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**A but**

**B because**

**C so**

**To the Teacher:** ReadWorks recommends that you teach this vocabulary word to the whole class out loud using the four steps listed below.

Vocabulary Word: **discover** (dis · cov · er): to find something.

**Step 1:** Introduce the word

- a. Teacher writes the word on the board and divides it into syllables: (dis · cov · er)
- b. Teacher says: "This word is discover. What is the word?" [All students reply together out loud: "Discover."]

**Step 2:** Provide a child-friendly definition

- a. Teacher says: "Discover means to find something."
- b. Teacher says: "The word 'discover' is used when talking about finding something. In this passage, the author discusses how the fossils of a tiny dinosaur were discovered."

- c. Teacher says: "What is the word?" [All students reply together out loud: "Discover."]

**Step 3:** Practice the word

Teacher provides examples and additional opportunities to repeat the word. Read the first sentence out loud to your students. Begin reading it again and when you come to the vocabulary word prompt students to say the vocabulary word out loud. Then, finish reading the sentence out loud to your students.

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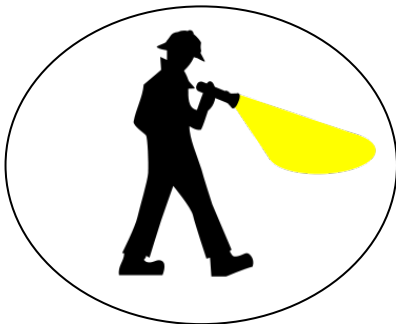
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**Step 4:** Check for student understanding

**To the Teacher:** This step can be completed as a whole class activity or as an independent practice.

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*Suggested Additional Vocabulary:* dinosaur, carnivore