

The Friendly T-Rex

There once was a friendly T-Rex,
Who bit other dinosaurs' necks,
He had little arms,
But one of his charms,
Was the way that he showed his respects.

He always said "Please" and "Thank you",
"Good morning" and "How do you do?"
They said, "Will you quit?
That hurts quite a bit!"
But that only made him want
to chew!

One day he was having a nibble,
They said, "We don't mean to quibble...
...But will you get off?
You're making us cough!
And we so hate the way that you dribble!"

Q1: Find and copy one fact about the friendly T-Rex from the first verse of the poem.



Q2: Which of these statements are true? Tick **two**.

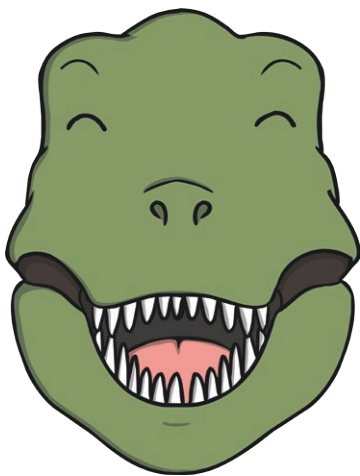
- The T-Rex was bitten by other dinosaurs.
- The T-Rex bit other dinosaurs' necks.
- The T-Rex had a bad cough.
- The T-Rex told the dinosaurs to stop.
- The T-Rex had good manners.

Q3: Why do you think that the T-Rex was making the other dinosaurs cough?



T-Rex was rather confused;
Puzzled, befuddled, bemused...

He put on his specs,
He looked at their necks,
And saw they were battered
and bruised.



T-Rex felt awfully bad;
Like a villain, a bully, a cad.
He said, "What to do?
I really like you!
It's making me feel rather sad."

It shouldn't come as a surprise,
That in other dinosaurs' eyes,
T-Rex was a chump;
A great growly grump,
With teeth of incredible size!

Q4: Circle **two** words that describe how the T-Rex feels in these three verses.



nervous

excited

happy

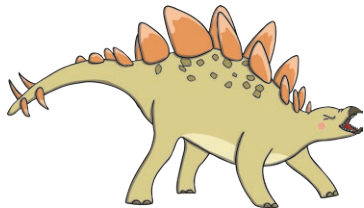
confused

sad

Q5: Find and copy **two** words from the text which mean the same as 'confused'.



Q6: Why did the other dinosaurs think that the T-Rex was 'a chump'?



The dinosaurs weren't very nice,
They said, "If you want our advice,
You'll get out of here,
Just go – disappear!
And don't make us all say it twice!"

He wailed and he sobbed and he cried;
And after his tears had all dried,
He looked at their necks,
And felt the effects,
Of great rumbling hunger inside.

He said, "I've never been keen,
On causing a terrible scene,
But you've made me upset,
Now I think you'll regret,
Being horrible, nasty and mean!"

RAAAAAAAGGGGGHHH!!!



Q7: Why did the T-Rex wail, sob and cry?



Q8: What do you think that the T-Rex will do next?
Explain your answer.



Q9: Use 20 words to sum up what happens in this poem.





The Friendly T-Rex Answers

Q1: Find and copy one fact about the friendly T-Rex from the first verse of the poem.

Accept any fact about the friendly T-Rex which is mentioned in the first verse of the poem, such as:

- **He bit other dinosaurs' necks.**
- **He had little arms.**
- **One of his charms is the way that he shows respect.**
- **He was friendly.**

Q2: Which of these statements are true? Tick **two**.

- The T-Rex was bitten by other dinosaurs.
- The T-Rex bit other dinosaurs' necks.**
- The T-Rex had a bad cough.
- The T-Rex told the dinosaurs to stop.
- The T-Rex had good manners.**

Q3: Why do you think that the T-Rex was making the other dinosaurs cough?

Accept answers which discuss the fact that the T-Rex bit their necks and it might make them cough, e.g. The other dinosaurs were coughing because the T-Rex was biting their necks so they couldn't breathe properly.

Q4: Circle **two** words that describe how the T-Rex feels in these three verses.

nervous

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Q5: Find and copy two words from the text which mean the same as 'confused'.

Accept any two of the following: puzzled, befuddled, bemused.

Q6: Why did the other dinosaurs think that the T-Rex was 'a chump'?

Accept any answer which discusses the fact that the T-Rex bit the other dinosaurs' necks until they were battered and bruised, e.g. The other dinosaurs thought he was a chump because he kept biting and bruising their necks.

Q7: Why did the T-Rex wail, sob and cry?

Accept answers which discuss the fact that the T-Rex cried because the other dinosaurs were unkind to him and told him to go away, e.g. The T-Rex cried because all the other dinosaurs told him to go away.

Q8: What do you think that the T-Rex will do next? Explain your answer.

Accept any reasonable predictions based on the events of the story so far, provided that they are accompanied by an explanation, such as:

- **I think that the T-Rex will chew the other dinosaurs' necks again because he is feeling 'a great rumbling of hunger inside'.**
- **I think that the T-Rex will get his own back on the other dinosaurs because it says that they will regret being horrible, nasty and mean.**

Q9: Use 20 words to sum up what happens in this poem.

Accept any reasonable summary of the events in the poem, provided that they are given in 20 words or less, such as: There is a friendly T-Rex who has good manners but upsets other dinosaurs by biting their necks.