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Pteranodon

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Pteranodons were giant reptiles that flew through the skies over 75 million years ago. That was in the late Cretaceous period.



The Pteranodon had big wings. When spread out the wings were bigger than a T-rex was tall.

That's over 20 feet. Some

Pteranodon wing spreads reached 30 feet. The Pteranodon wasn't a bird. Even though it lived when dinosaurs did it wasn't a dinosaur either. Instead it was a flying reptile (or pterosaur).

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Pteranodon was a meat-eater, but it had no teeth. Pteranodon used its long pointed beak to eat. It scooped up fish in its beak. It also ate crabs and squid. Also, it probably ate dead animals, just like vultures do today.

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- b. large reptiles that could fly
- c. large plant-eating dinosaurs that could fly
- d. large dinosaurs that could not fly

2. Pteranodons lived during the _____ period.

3. Pteranodons had lightweight and hollow bones. How do you think this helped the pteranodon?

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Spinosaurus

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Draw straight lines to match each vocabulary word on the left with its definition on the right.



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4. According to the article, what four things did Pteranodons probably eat?

fish, crabs, squid, and dead animals

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1. hollow ● not heavy ●
2. squid ● bone, hair, or feathers on an animal's head ●

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