A tricycle has three wheels. A triangle has three sides. What does a triceratops have? Three horns!

Triceratops means “three-horned face.” This dinosaur had one long horn above each eye. It also had one small horn above the mouth.

The Triceratops lived on Earth over 65 million years ago. It lived in the Late Cretaceous period. There were no people on Earth back then.

The Triceratops looked a little like a rhinoceros. It had a big body like a rhinoceros. It had a huge head like a rhino. It walked on four strong legs like a rhino. It even ate plants like a rhino.

The Triceratops was also much bigger and heavier than a rhino. It was 30 feet long and 10 feet tall. A large Triceratops weighed as much as two African elephants.

Behind the horns Triceratops had a big bony head plate. The plate and horns helped protect Triceratops from large meat-eating dinosaurs, like the T-rex.
Name: ______________________________

**Triceratops**
By Guy Belleranti

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   b. legs  
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   d. horns

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