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# Velociraptor

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The Velociraptor lived in the late Cretaceous period. That was about 75 million years ago.



It has sharp teeth because it was a meat-eating dinosaur. The Velociraptor wasn't very big. It was only six feet long from nose to tail

tip. It was only as tall as a turkey, which was smaller than most dinosaurs.

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dinosaurs.

Velociraptors may have hunted in groups. It also probably ate animals killed and left behind by larger dinosaurs.

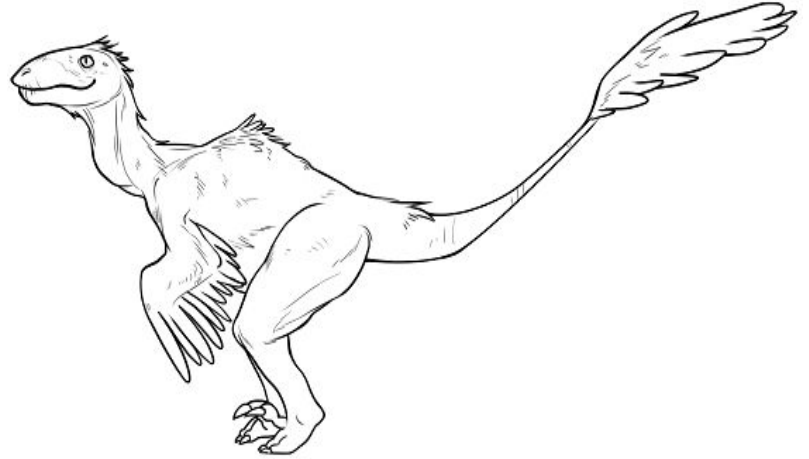
Scientists used to think Velociraptors were covered with scales, like a lizard. Today, most scientists think Velociraptors had feathers instead.

The Velociraptor ran fast on its two hind legs. It had a stiff tail that gave it balance when it ran. Even though it had feathers like a bird, it could not fly.

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1. The Velociraptor was about as tall as...

- a. a horse
- b. an elephant
- c. a pig
- d. a hamster

2. Was the Velociraptor a meat-eater or a plant-eater? \_\_\_\_\_

3.



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4. \_\_\_\_\_  
with \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Today, most scientists believe Velociraptors were covered  
with \_\_\_\_\_.

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1. claw • • pointed end

2. lizard • • brightest

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5. tip • • soft covering on a bird's body

6. smartest • • four-legged animal covered with scales

## ANSWER KEY

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- a. a horse
  - b. an elephant
  - c. a giraffe



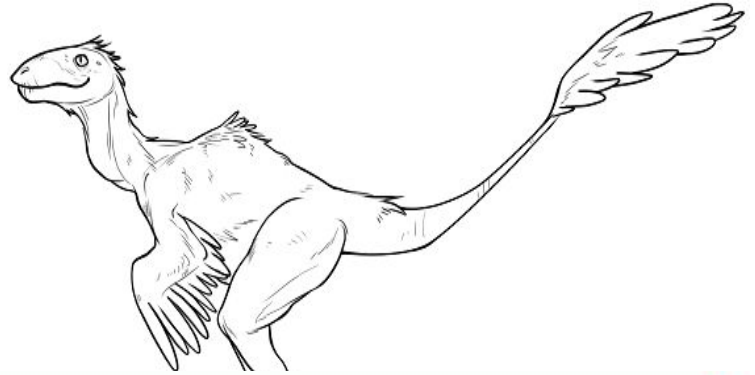
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