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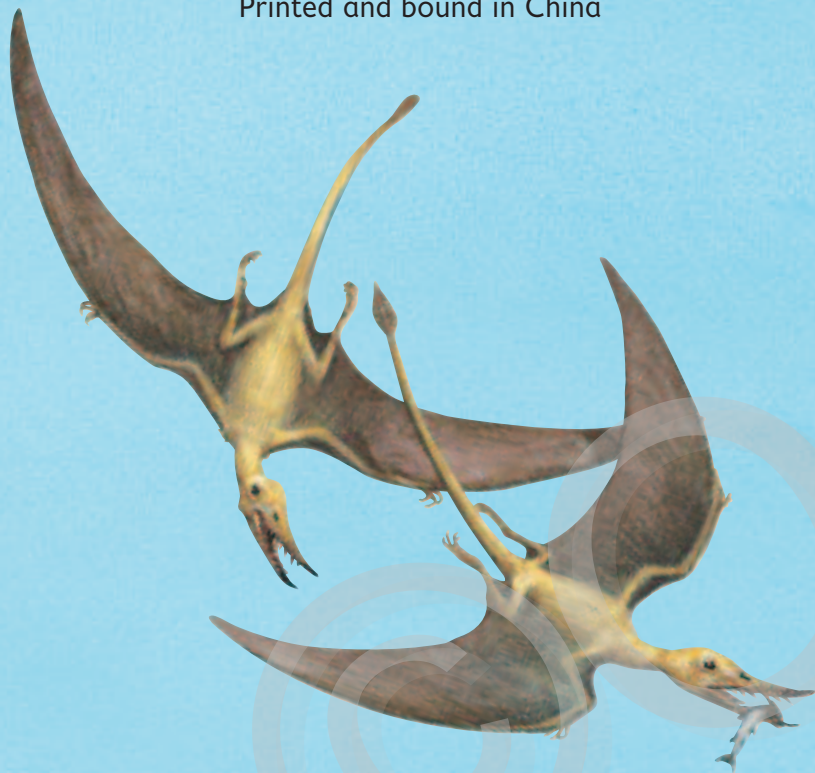
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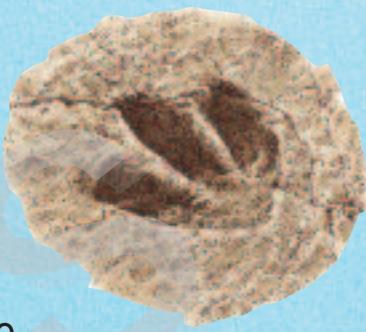


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# introduction

**C**ome on a journey with us to meet some of the oldest life on Earth. Follow the story of how the dinosaurs came to rule the Earth for 160 million years—long before there were any people. Listen to a Tyrannosaurus rex as he tells you how he hunts down his prey. Find out which dinosaurs had feathers and what it was like to be a baby dinosaur. We can show you why these great reptiles went extinct and what happened after they were gone. You will meet a bird large enough to eat a horse, and watch early humans like you hunt woolly mammoths. But first, take a dive with us into the warm waters of the Cambrian ocean, and see how it all began...



# what was it like to be a baby dinosaur?

I am a duck-billed dinosaur called Maiasaura. My name means "good mother lizard." Before she laid her eggs, my mother found a safe place for a nest close to many other nests. We now live together in a large herd. Here, I am just a few months old.



2 My mom laid 25 eggs. They are each the size of a melon and have hard shells. My brothers and sisters and I grew inside them. This is me, almost ready to hatch.



1 My mother made her nest from mud. Then she covered our eggs with leaves and dead plants to keep them warm.



3 Even with my mother standing guard, sneaky, egg-eating dinosaurs sometimes try to steal eggs from the nest. I was a lucky one!

4 This is us hatching. We broke the tops off our eggs and wiggled free. We could walk around as soon as we hatched. Boy, was I hungry!



5 Luckily, our mother had some juicy ferns ready. We duck-billed dinosaurs only eat plants. We'll probably grow ten times bigger than we are now.

6 I am now old enough to join the herd and find food by myself. The herd will travel across the country until we find a good place to graze.

