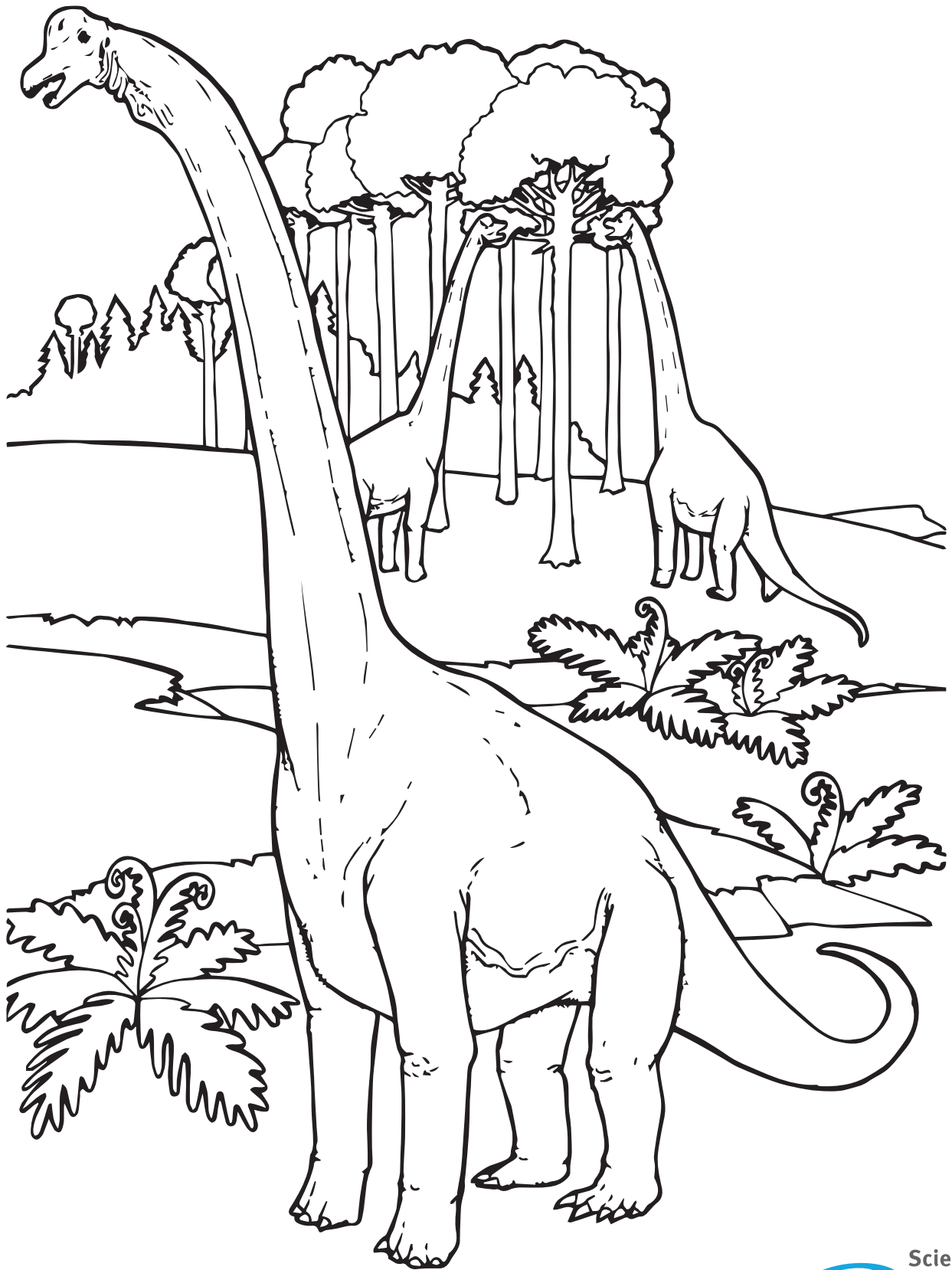
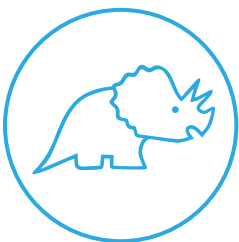
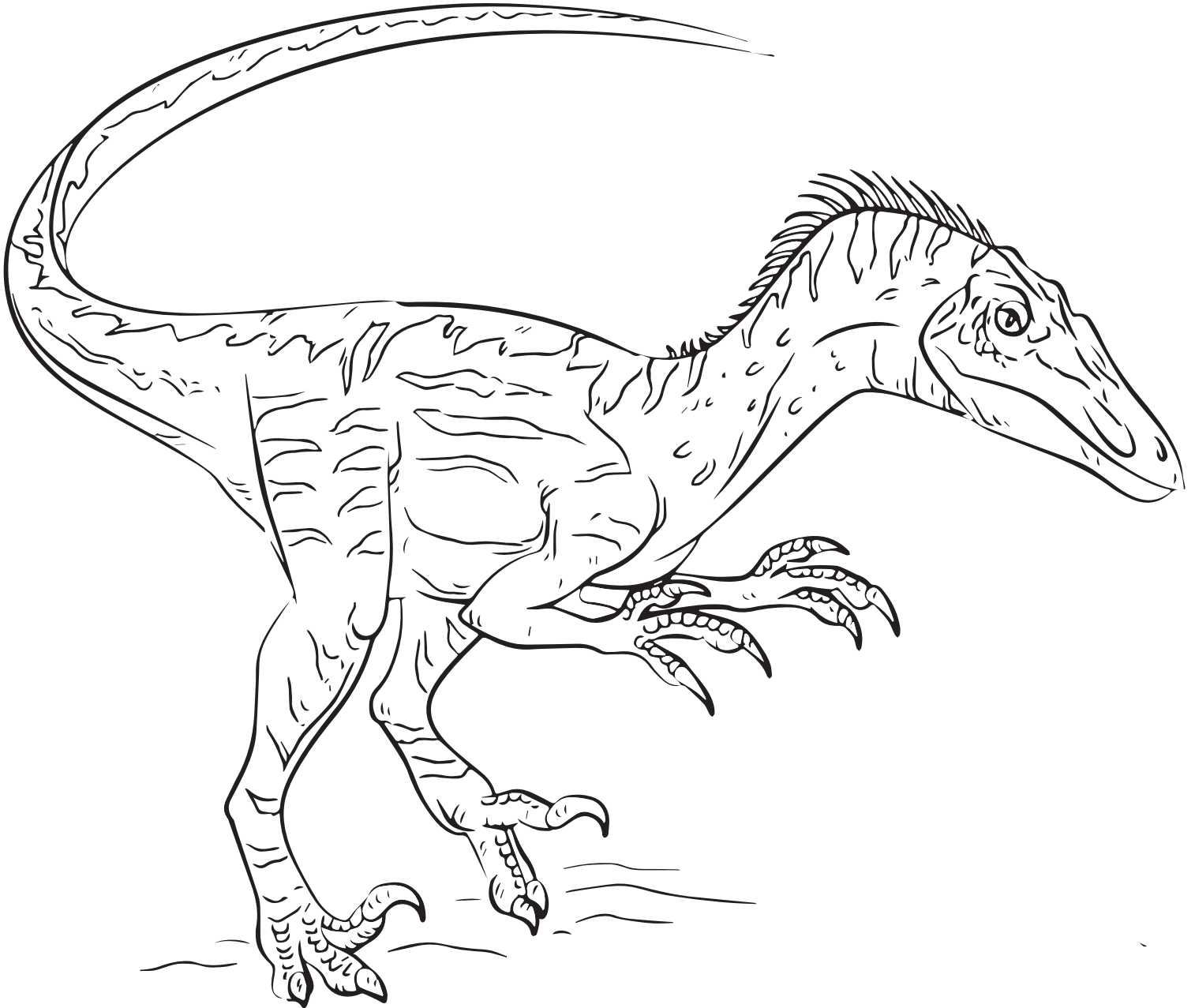


DAYS OF THE DINOSAURS



VELOCIRAPTOR

Dinosaurs in the genus *Velociraptor* were tiny yet mighty feathered hunters. Scientists think they hunted and scavenged at night, eating other dinosaurs and small animals.



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HELPING NEW FRIENDS

_____ the *Velociraptor* was walking down the street in _____.
[Name] [name of a city or town]

“It is so _____ outside!” said _____. “I will get a _____
[describing word] [Name] [snack]

and then go to the _____ and play _____.”
[place] [activity or game]

_____ the *Velociraptor* walked _____ until they reached a
[Name] [describing word ending in -ly]

snacks store. They saw their favorite kind of _____—but it was on the highest shelf
[snack]

and _____ could not reach it! _____ and
[Name] [Name] [action word]

_____ but still couldn’t get to the _____.
[action word] [snack]

Just as the *Velociraptor* was about to give up, a nighthawk _____ into the store.
[action word]

“Excuse me,” said _____. “Can you please help me reach the _____?”
[Name] [snack]

“That is easy for me,” said the nighthawk. “I can help you!”

The nighthawk flew to the very top shelf, got the _____, and brought it back down.
[snack]

“Thank you!” said the *Velociraptor*. “I am going to the _____ to play
[place]
_____. Would you like to come with me and share the _____?”
[activity or game] [snack]

“Absolutely,” said the nighthawk.

The two new friends went to the _____ and played _____
[place] [activity or game]
until it was _____.
[time of day]

Question: Think of one of your friends; what is something they can do that is special?

SHUVUUIA DESERTI

This digging bird-like dinosaur may have had a similar lifestyle to today's owls. How do we know? New research took a closer look at their ears (and eyes), which are remarkably similar in shape and size to an owl's, allowing both creatures to sneak up on smaller prey at night.



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ACHOO!

Achoo! _____ the *Shuvuuia deserti* had a terrible cold!
[Name]

I need a _____ pillow to rest on, a cold _____, and a
[describing word] [type of beverage]
_____, and I'm sure I would feel better," they said.
[describing word] [type of food]

There was a knock on the door of _____ nest.
[Name]

It was their friend the nighthawk!

"I made more _____ than I can eat, would you like some?" said the nighthawk.
[type of food]

"Oh thank you!" said _____. "I have a terrible cold, and some
[Name]
_____ would be so wonderful!"
[describing word] [type of food]

The nighthawk placed the food in _____ nest, told them to get well soon,
[Name]
and flew away.

A little while later, there was another knock at the door. It was the nighthawk again, with their friend *Velociraptor*.

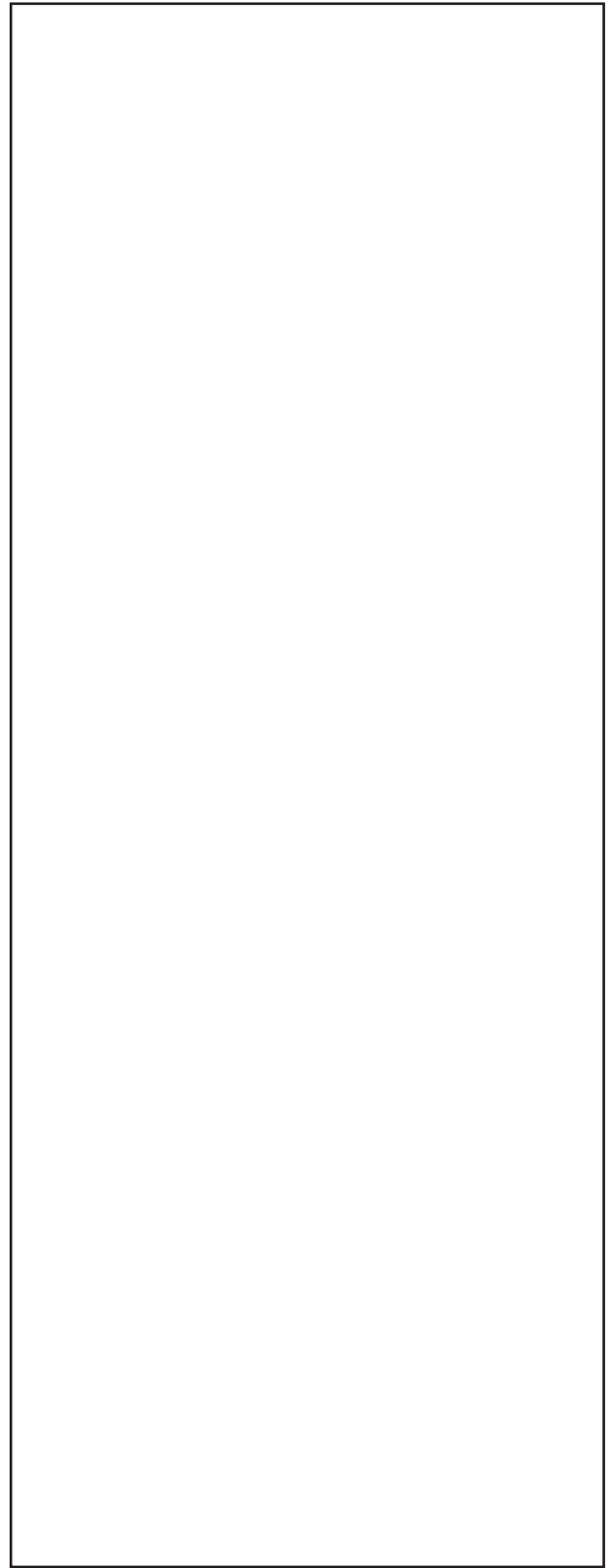
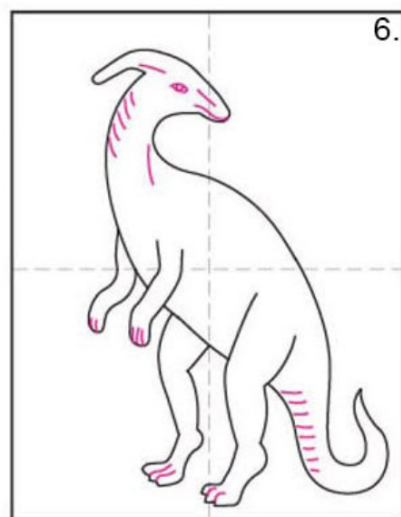
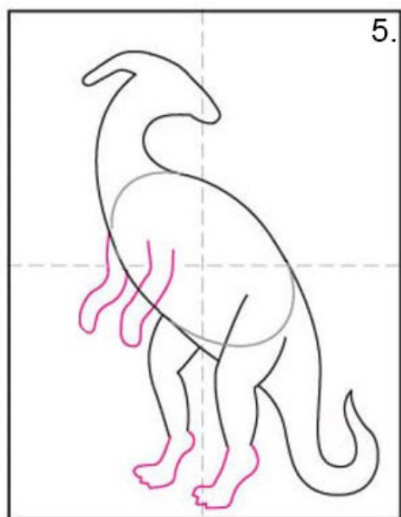
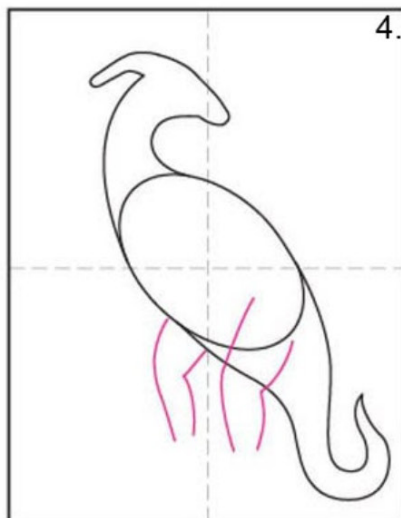
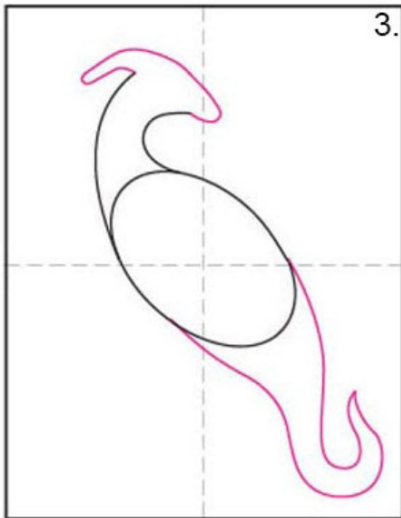
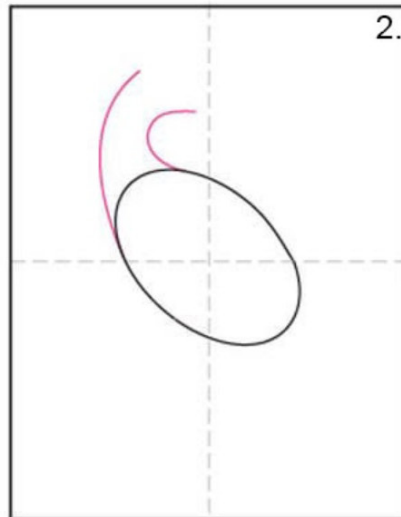
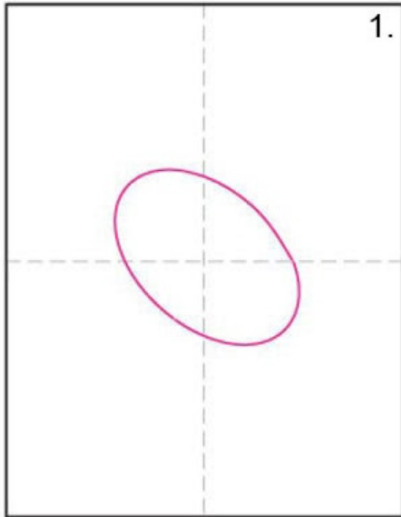
"I brought you one of my extra _____, pillows to rest on!" said *Velociraptor*.
[describing word]

"And I brought cold _____ to for us all. We will sit outside your nest and
[type of beverage]
keep you company," said the nighthawk. "Is that OK?"

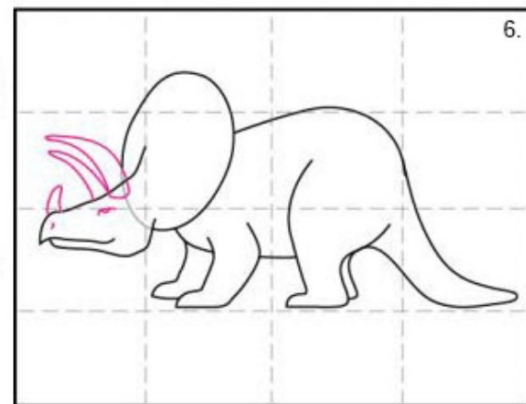
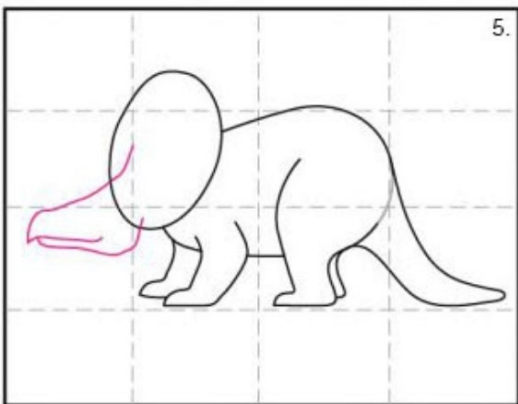
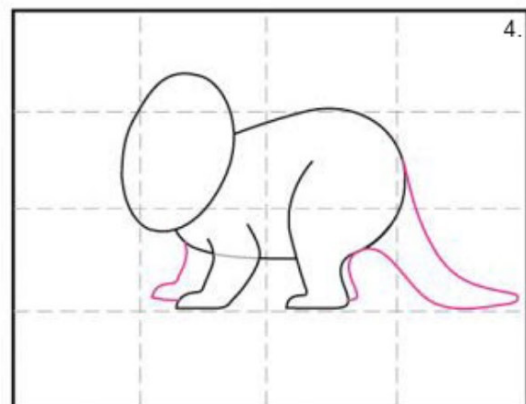
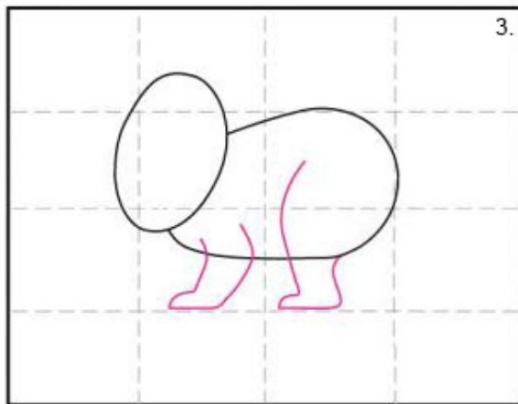
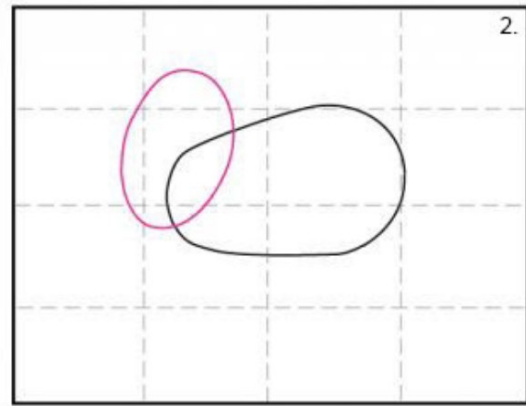
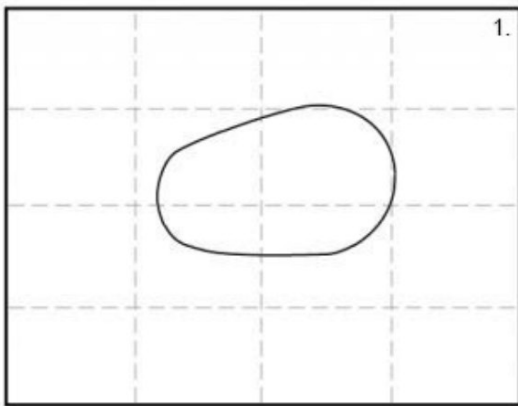
"Oh yes," said *Shuvuuia deserti*. "I feel _____ already!"
[emotion]

Question: What are three things that make you feel better when you are not feeling well?

HOW TO DRAW A *PARASAUROLOPHUS*



HOW TO DRAW A *TRICERATOPS*



MOSASAUR

About 70 million years ago, the middle part of North America was covered in water.

All sorts of creatures swam in this shallow sea including sharks, fish, and *Mosasaurs*. These large marine reptiles were powerful swimmers and dominant predators of other animals living in these warm waters. They went extinct 66 million years ago at the end of the Cretaceous period.



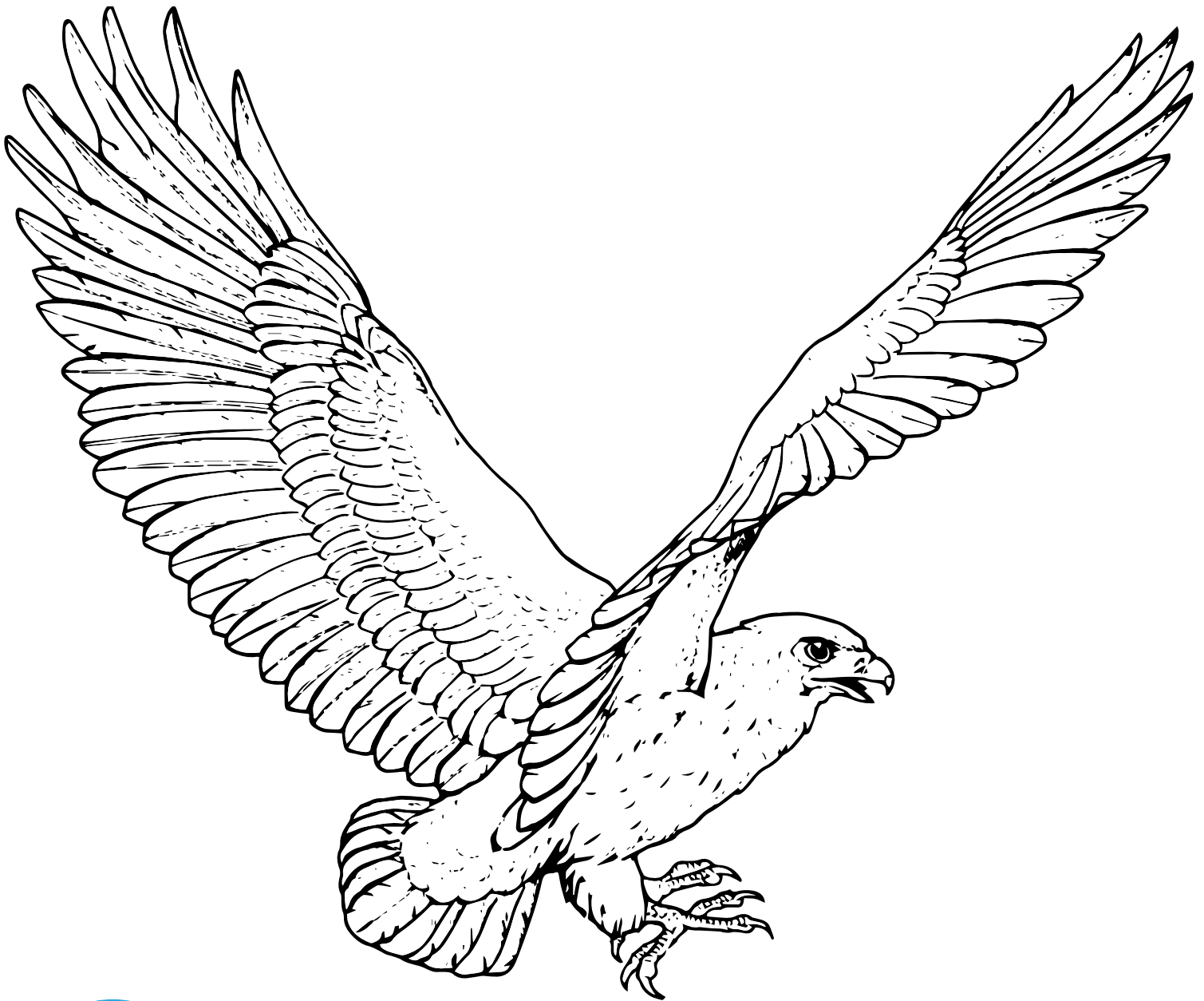
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COMMON NIGHTHAWK

Is this common nighthawk a dinosaur? Surprisingly, yes!

Some people mistake this bird of prey for a bat because of its flight patterns, but the common nighthawk is most definitely a bird (descended from dinos) that eats tons of bugs while making its night time flights. Sometimes, when a nighthawk dives, its wings will make a “booming” sound as the air rushes through its feathers, alerting nearby people, mates, or other birds to their presence.



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WORD SEARCH

Calling all budding paleontologists! Dig in and get to know some larger-than-life species from prehistoric times. Hidden in this word search puzzle are fourteen words associated with the Days of the Dinosaurs.

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Triceratops

Diplodocus

Tyrannosaurus rex

Allosaurus

Camptosaurus

Stegosaurus

Dromaeosaurus

Xiphactinus

Bambiraptor

Stromatolite

Quetzalcoatlus

Borealosuchus

Isotelus

Endoceras

WORD SEARCH

Triceratops

Triceratops would have battled each other often for dominance; the Science Museum of Minnesota's *Triceratops* is a good example with a large scar on the left side of its face from the horn of another *Triceratops*.

Diplodocus

Long-necked dinosaurs like *Diplodocus* had air sacs throughout their spinal column to help get oxygen through their huge bodies.

Tyrannosaurus rex

T. rex had a powerful bite, capable of crushing bone, and its serrated teeth would have helped cut through flesh, making it the apex predator of its environment.

Allosaurus

This carnivore was the apex predator of its environment in the Jurassic Period, with an amazing gape of 79 degrees, meaning it could open its jaws very, very wide.

Camptosaurus

Camptosaurus was originally named *Camptonotus* in 1879, meaning flexible back, but had to be changed to *Camptosaurus* (flexible lizard) in 1885, when researchers realized the name was already taken for a type of cricket.

Stegosaurus

This dinosaur is known for the four pointy spikes on its tail, which it used for defense. An *Allosaurus* was once found with a hole in its tail bones where it was stabbed by a *Stegosaurus* spike!

Dromaeosaurus

These small predators are closely related to modern birds and may have hunted in packs to take down larger prey.

Xiphactinus

This massive fish (up to 17 feet long) would have terrorized the massive seaway that flooded the middle of North America during the Age of the Dinosaurs.

Bambiraptor

This close relative of birds even has a wishbone, called a furcula, much like you'd find in your Thanksgiving turkey!

Stromatolite

Stromatolites are some of the oldest evidence of life on Earth. They are effectively mounds of mud formed by bacteria over a long period of time. Ones in Minnesota go back two billion years!

Quetzalcoatlus

Quite possibly the largest flying animal of all time, this massive flying reptile soared the skies with a wingspan over 30 feet wide!

ANSWER KEY

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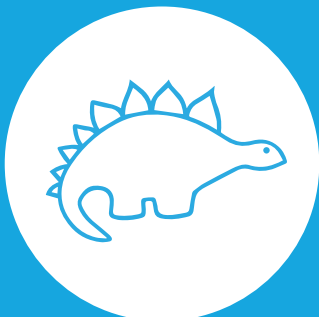
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