

Digging for Words: Speed Round

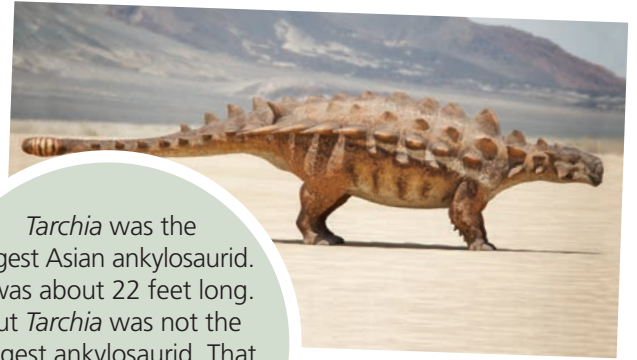
Part 1

Learn fun facts about the ankylosaurid *Tarchia*!

Read the facts.

Talk to your partner. What did you learn?

Compare *Tarchia* to another dinosaur that you know. How are they similar? How are they different?



Tarchia was the largest Asian ankylosaurid. It was about 22 feet long. But *Tarchia* was not the biggest ankylosaurid. That title goes to *Ankylosaurus magniventris* of North America, which could be 30 feet long.



Tarchia had an impressive, armored head. The broad skull was covered with bony projections and horns. Shutter-like bony eyelids protected its eyes.

Tarchia's tail had a large, rounded, bony club on the end. Massive muscles anchored the tail. The tail gave crushingly powerful and rapid swipes side to side.



As a desert-dweller, this ankylosaur had to stay cool. *Tarchia* had a huge nose packed full of unusually long nasal passages. The passages acted like an air-conditioner to keep its brain cool.



Tarchia was named after its brain. Compared to the size of its head, it had the largest brain of the Asian ankylosaurids.



Part 2

Speed round! How many new words can you make with the letters in the following words? Use the back of the sheet if you need more space.

Tarchia

Ankylosaurus

Families: Check out the second season of **Prehistoric Planet**, an epic five-night event on Apple TV+ starting May 22! See your favorite dinosaurs and discover some new ones, like *Tarchia*, as they interact in amazing ways!

