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Dino Decisions

Scientists recently dug up *Eodromaeus*, one of the world’s oldest dinosaurs. Experts are using the little guy to **draw conclusions** about the first dinosaurs that roamed Earth. To draw conclusions is to make reasonable decisions about something based on what you know and have read. Now it’s time to draw some conclusions of your own! Read the descriptions below. Then answer the questions that follow.

	<p><i>Tyrannosaurus rex</i> Meet the king of dinosaurs! <i>Tyrannosaurus rex</i> was a rough and tough meat eater that could kill almost any animal it crossed. The beast had 6-inch-long teeth.</p>
	<p><i>Triceratops</i> What are you looking at, three-horns? <i>Triceratops</i> means “three-horned-face.” Besides its horns, the plant eater also had a powerful beak to crush shrubs for food.</p>
	<p><i>Stegosaurus</i> <i>Stegosaurus</i> may not have been the brightest crayon in the box! Because of its tiny head and brain, experts believe the plant eater with bony back plates was the least smart of all dinosaurs.</p>
	<p><i>Velociraptor</i> Don’t let its size fool you! <i>Velociraptor</i> could eat just about anything it could tear into. That includes birds and other small dinosaurs. The mini-but-mighty beast had a tail made of bones.</p>

1. Which two reptiles probably ate the most shrubs and tree branches?

How do you know?

2. Were other dinosaurs most likely afraid of *Triceratops*?

How do you know?

3. How might an animal have felt if it ran into *Tyrannosaurus rex*?

How do you know?

4. A bird might be in big trouble if it came across which dinosaurs?

How do you know?

5. Would *Stegosaurus* have been very likely to have an easy time finding its way if it was lost?

How do you know?

6. What is something *Velociraptor* was probably good at?

How do you know?

ANSWERS

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1. *Triceratops* and *Stegosaurus*.
They were plant eaters.
2. No. It was a plant eater.
3. Answers will vary. Possible answers: scared. The animal probably would have been killed.
4. *Tyrannosaurus rex* and *Velociraptor*. They were meat eaters.
5. No. Experts say it was the least smart dinosaur.
6. Answers will vary.