

### Challenge 1:

*In a swamp beside a river, where the land was thick with veg,  
Lived a herd of duckbill dinosaurs who roamed the water's  
edge.*

*And they hooted, "Up with rivers!" and they hooted, "Up with  
reeds!"*

*And they hooted, "Up with bellyfuls of juicy water weeds!"*



1a) Where did the duckbill dinosaurs live?

1b) Did the dinosaurs live:

-on their own                      -in a herd                      -underwater?

1c) What do the dinosaurs mean by "Up with rivers" and "Up with reeds!"?

1d) What does beside mean? Is it:

-inside                      -above                      -next to

### Challenge 2:



By just looking at the picture, **tell me three things that you know about these characters AND HOW YOU KNOW THIS.**

Example: These dinosaurs might be hunters **because the picture shows that they have sharp teeth.**

### Challenge 3:

*Now across the rushy river, on a hill the other side,*

*Lived a mean Tyrannosaurus with his grim and grisly bride.*

*And they shouted, "Up with hunting!" and they shouted, "Up with war!"*

*And they shouted, "Up with bellyfuls of duckbill dinosaur!"*

3a) What are the three things that the Tyrannosaurus and his bride like?

3b) Why might the Tyrannosaurus like bellyfuls of duckbill dinosaur?

3c) Write down two words that describe the Tyrannosaurus' bride.

#### Challenge 4:

*But the two Tyrannosauruses, so grisly, mean and grim,  
Couldn't catch the duckbill dinosaurs because they couldn't swim.  
And they muttered, "Down with water!" and they muttered, "Down with wet!"  
And they muttered, "What a shame that bridges aren't invented yet."*

- 4a) What words tell you that the Tyrannosauruses may not be nice?  
4b) Why could the Tyrannosauruses not catch the duckbill dinosaurs?  
4c) Find and copy one word that means the same as 'created'.  
4d) What do these words mean:

-couldn't

-aren't

- 4e) Why is it a 'shame that bridges aren't invented yet'?

#### Challenge 5:

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Couldn't catch the duckbill dinosaurs because they couldn't swim.  
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And they muttered, "What a shame that bridges aren't invented yet."*

Draw lines to match the words below to their meaning.

muttered	To create something that has not been made before.
shame	A sad feeling of pity.
grisly	Someone who is mean, disgusting and scary.
invented	To talk or grumble quietly.

**Challenge 5:** Put ticks in the table below to show which statements are true and which are false. One has been done for you.

Statement	True	False
The Tyrannosauruses are red.	√	
The duckbill dinosaurs like water.		
The Tyrannosauruses eat one duckbill dinosaur every day.		
The duckbill dinosaurs live in bushes.		
The duckbill dinosaurs travel and live alone.		
The Tyrannosauruses like hunting, war and jam doughnuts		

**Challenge 6:**

Now a little *Compsognathus* (but for short we'll call her *Comp*)  
Found a duckbill egg and stole it from a nest beside the swamp.

And she swam with it, and ran with it,  
And murmured, "Clever me!"

And "Won't the baby *Comps* be thrilled with duckbill egg for..."



6a) Find and copy one word that describes *Compsognathus*.

6b) What does murmured mean?

- to get lost
- to go and hide
- to say something quietly

6c) Why did the *Compsognathus* steal the duckbill egg?

6d) Pick a word that you could use instead of thrilled (that means the same thing):

- terrified
- excited
- unhappy

**Challenge 7:**

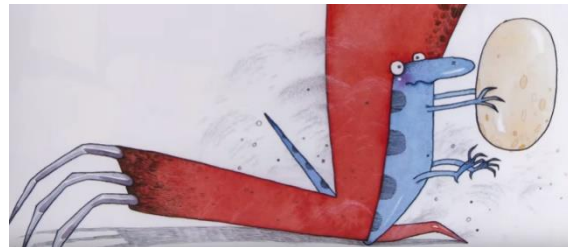
"...T!"

She dropped the egg in terror  
and went running for her life

From the mean *Tyrannosaurus*  
and his grim and grisly wife.

And the duckbill egg went rolling, and at last it came to  
rest,

In- of all unlikely places- the *Tyrannosaurus* nest.



7a) Who dropped the egg?

7b) Why did they drop it in terror?

7c) Why is the *Tyrannosaurus* nest an unlikely place for the duckbill egg to rest?

**Challenge 8:** Look back at all the writing from the book so far. Order the statements from 1 to 5 to show the order they happen. The first one has been done for you.

A little *Compsognathus* found a duckbill egg and stole it from a nest beside the swamp.

The duckbill egg rolls into a *Tyrannosaurus* nest.

*Compsognathus* drops the egg in terror.

The duckbill dinosaurs hooted "Up with water!"

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**Challenge 9:** Predict what will happen next, in one sentence.

**Challenge 10:**

*Now the mother T had great big jaws  
and great enormous legs,  
But her brain was rather little  
and she couldn't count her eggs.  
And she sang, "Hatch out, my terrors,  
with your scaly little tails  
And your spiky little toothies  
and your scary little nails."*

10a) What is T short for?

10b) Which is smaller, the dinosaur's legs or her brain?

10c) Which two words were used to describe the tails?

-enormous      -scaly      -little      -spiky      -great

**Challenge 11:** Draw three lines to show who does what in the story.

Duckbill dinosaur	Drops the duckbill egg in terror.
Compsognathus	Roams the water's edge in a herd.
Tyrannosaurus mother (Mother T)	Can not count her eggs.

### Challenge 12:

*Out hatched Babies One and Two,  
as perfect as could be,*

*But Mother T was horrified by Baby  
Number Three.*

*And she grumbled, "He looks weedy,"  
and she grumbled, "He looks weak."*

*And she grumbled, "What long arms-  
and look, his mouth is like a beak!"*

12a) How many babies hatched?

12b) Pick the two babies who were 'perfect as could be'.

-Baby Two      - Baby One      - Baby Three

12c) Why was Mother T horrified by Baby Number Three?

### Challenge 13:

*"He just needs feeding up," said Dad*

*and gave the babes some meat.*

*The first two gulped and guzzled*

*but the third refused to eat.*

*And he said, "I'm really sorry,"*

*and he said, "I simply can't."*

*And he said, "This meat looks horrible.*

*I'd rather eat a plant."*

13a) Pick and copy the two verbs that explain how the two dinosaurs ate the meat.

13b) Why does the duckbill think the meat looks horrible?

13c) Which word describes the duckbill dinosaur best?

Herbivore: a dinosaur that only likes to eat plants.

Omnivore: a dinosaur that likes to eat plants and meat.

Carnivore: a dinosaur that only likes to eat meat.

**Challenge 14:** By using what you know from the text so far:

1a) Draw an arrow to the dinosaur that is Baby Number Three.

1b) Explain why you think this is Baby Number Three.



### Challenge 15:

*"A PLANT!" yelled Mum in horror, and Dad said, "Get a grip!"*

*His sisters found a name for him: "Tyrannosaurus Drip!"*

*And they shouted, "Up with hunting!" and they shouted, "Up with war!"*

*And they shouted, "Up with bellyfuls of duckbill dinosaur!"*

15a) Why is "A PLANT" in capital letters?

15b) What did Dad say?

15c) What was Baby Number Three named?

15d) Why do you think he was called this?

### Challenge 16:

*Poor Tyrannosaurus Drip tried hard to sing along*

*But the others yelled, "You silly drip, you've got the words all wrong!"*

*For he hooted, "Down with hunting!" and he hooted "Down with war!"*

*And he hooted, "Down with bellyfuls of duckbill dinosaur!"*

16a) Why did the others call Drip silly?

16b) Find and pick out the adjective that describes how Tyrannosaurus Drip tried to sing along.

### Challenge 17:

*Drip's sisters soon grew big enough to hunt with Dad and Mum*

*But they turned on Drip and told him, "You're not fierce enough to come."*

*And he cried, "They've gone without me!" and he cried, "Alackaday!"*

*And he cried, "This doesn't feel like home. I'm going to run away!"*

17a) What type of dinosaurs are Drip's sisters?

17b) Why could Drip not go and hunt?

17c) Why does Drip want to run away? Pick the option that describes the reason best.

-He looks like a duck    -It doesn't feel like home    -He is getting called names



### Challenge 18:

*So he ran off to the river, where he saw a lovely sight:*

*A herd of duckbill dinosaurs, all hooting with delight.*

*And they hooted, "Up with rivers!" and they hooted, "Up with reeds!"*

*And they hooted, "Up with bellyfuls of juicy water weeds!"*

Draw lines to match the words below to their meaning.

sight

A noise that an owl makes.

herd

A thing that someone sees or can be seen.

hooting

To be pleased or very happy.

delight

A large group of animals.

### Challenge 19:

*As he stood there on the bank, a sudden urge took hold of him,*

*And he jumped into the water...and discovered he could SWIM!*

*And the duckbills came to greet him by the rushy river's edge*

*And they hooted, "Nice to see you!" and they hooted, "Have some veg!"*

19a) Find and copy the word that means the same as 'found out'.

19b) Why did the duckbill herd think it was 'Nice to see' Tyrannosaurus Drip?

19c) How is the river described?

### Challenge 20:

*And Drip, who was delighted that they hadn't run away,*

*Ate bellyfuls of water weeds, and played with them all day.*

*Then he gazed into the river and he asked them, "Who, oh who*

*Is that creature in the water?" And they laughed and said, "It's you!"*

20a) Write down what Drip ate.

20b) Write down what Drip did all day.

20c) Which word could you use instead of gazed. Pick one of these.

looked

laughed

thought

### Challenge 21:

*That night the lightning crackled*

*and a storm blew down a tree.*

*And it fell across the river,*

*and the Ts cried out, "yippee!"*

*And they shouted, "Up with hunting!" and they shouted, "Up with war!"*

*And they shouted, "Up with bellyfuls of duckbill dinosaur!"*

21a) Find and copy the verb that explains what the lightning did.

21b) Why do you think the Ts cry out "yippee!" when the storm blew down a tree?



### Challenge 22:

*Drips sisters stepped onto the bridge, but then began to frown,*

*For there in front of them stood Drip, who yelled "Look out! Look  
DOWN!"*

*And they looked into the water, and they each let out a yelp,*

*And one cried, "Water monsters!" And the other one cried,  
"HELP!"*



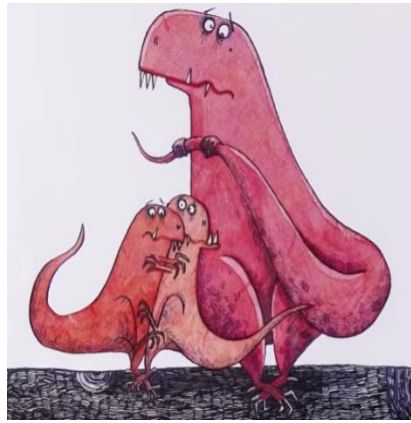
22a) Why were Drips sisters scared of what they saw in the water?

22b) Why is DOWN and HELP written differently to the rest of the text?



**Challenge 23:**

*Their mother scolded, "Nonsense!"  
and she joined them on the tree.  
Then she looked into the water and  
exclaimed, "Good gracious me!"  
The three of them stood trembling,  
and Dad said, "Get a grip!"  
You're all of you as drippy as  
Tyrannosaurus Drip!"*



23) Put ticks in the table below to show which statements are true and which are false.

Statement	True	False
The herd of duckbills joined Drip on the tree.		
The four tyrannosauruses stood trembling together.		
The mother scolded, "Nonsense!"		
The Dad tyrannosaurus was annoyed at the Mother and two little tyrannosauruses.		

**Challenge 24:**

*He strode onto the bridge  
and scoffed,  
"I bet there's nothing there."  
Then he looked into the water-  
and he **jumped** into the air.*



24a) Why did the tyrannosaurus jump into the air?

24b) Why is jumped bigger and in bold writing?

**Challenge 25:**

*And how the duckbills hooted when he landed with a crash,  
And the tree bridge broke...  
...and four Tyrannosauruses went*

**SPLASH!**



25a) Who hooted?

25b) Why might the tree bridge have broken.  
EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER

25c) Write three adjectives that explain how the  
Dad dinosaur might have felt when the bridge  
breaks.



**Challenge 26:**

*And spluttering, and clinging to  
the branches of the tree,  
They went whooshing down a waterfall  
and all the way to sea.*

26a) Why were they clinging to the tree branches?

26b) Which word could you use instead of spluttering? Pick one.

choking

breathing

falling

26c) Which is the correct meaning of the word sea?

To look at something.

This letter of the alphabet, C.

Salt water that you find at the beach.

**Challenge 27:** Draw three lines to show who does what in the story.

Tyrannosaurus Dad

Tyrannosaurus Drip

Tyrannosaurus sisters

Grow big enough to hunt with Mum and Dad.

Jumps in the air, breaking the tree bridge.

Runs away from his sisters because it does not feel like home.

**Challenge 28:**

*And the duckbills hooted happily, "Hip hip hip...  
Hooray for the heroic, one-and-only Duckbill Drip!"*

28a) Why is Tyrannosaurus drip described as the 'one-and-only Duckbill Drip'?

28b) Why were the duckbills hooting happily?

28c) Why is Duckbill Drip described as heroic?

**Challenge 29:**

In one sentence tell me one thing you liked about the story and WHY.

**Challenge 30:**

In one sentence tell me one thing you disliked about the story and WHY.