

POP! TEACHER RESOURCE



Desktop Diplodocus

Lesson Plan for *Diplodocus*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students recall key details from the text about Diplodocus.

Things Needed

- *Diplodocus* book

Before the Activity

Read *Diplodocus* out loud to students. Have all students sit on top of their desks.

Activity

Choose one student to start. Explain that you will read a sentence describing the Diplodocus to that student. The student will say if the sentence is true or false. If the student is correct, the student gets to stay on his or her desk. If the student is incorrect, the student must sit back in his or her chair. Move on to the next student and read the next sentence. Once each student has answered one question, go back to the students still sitting on their desks. Continue until only one student is left on his or her desk.

Use the following list of sentences:

- Diplodocus had sharp teeth. (FALSE)
- Diplodocus had a long tail. (TRUE)
- People can see Diplodocus in museums around the world. (TRUE)
- Diplodocus traveled alone. (FALSE)
- Diplodocus walked on two legs. (FALSE)
- Diplodocus's tail helped it balance while it ate. (TRUE)
- Diplodocus had longer front legs than back legs. (FALSE)
- Diplodocus did not chew its food. (TRUE)
- Scientists think Diplodocus used its tail to whip predators to keep them away. (TRUE)
- Diplodocus dragged its tail along the ground. (FALSE)



- Diplodocus could stand on its back legs to reach higher in the trees. (TRUE)
- Diplodocus got a new tooth every year. (FALSE)
- Diplodocus stripped leaves from trees and swallowed them. (TRUE)
- Diplodocus held its tail up to help balance its neck. (TRUE)
- Diplodocus had a short neck. (FALSE)
- Diplodocus was not as heavy as an elephant. (FALSE)
- Diplodocus had a very long neck. (TRUE)
- Diplodocus was longer than two buses put together. (TRUE)
- Diplodocus ate grass and low bushes. (FALSE)
- Scientists think Diplodocus used its tail as a weapon. (TRUE)

Evaluation

The last person still sitting on his or her desk wins.

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.1).

