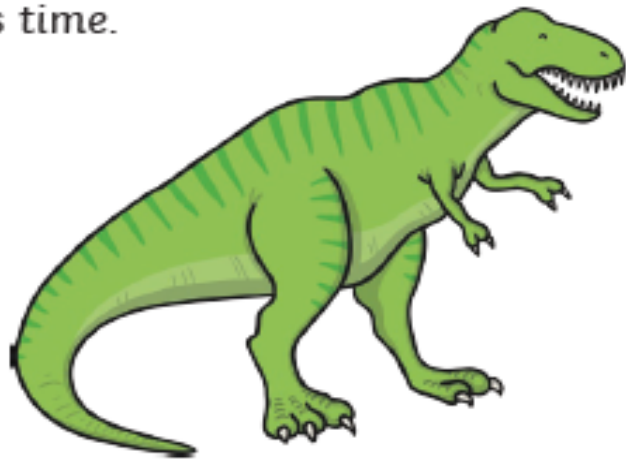


## Terrific T-Rex

The T-Rex was one of the largest and most powerful meat-eating dinosaurs that has ever lived on our planet. Standing up to a huge six metres tall and at up to twelve metres long, the T-Rex moved quickly with its strong and powerful thighs. Their powerful jaws meant that they could eat their prey in one bite. The T-Rex had quite a large brain and this helped it to hunt better. The T-Rex lived in the forests and river valleys of North America before becoming extinct around sixty-five millions years ago but nobody can agree for sure why all dinosaurs suddenly became extinct at this time.



## Quick Questions

1. How tall can a T-Rex grow?

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2. Why might a larger brain help a T-Rex to hunt better?

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3. Find and copy two adjectives to describe a T-Rex's thighs.

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4. Number these facts from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

- The T-Rex is a meat-eating dinosaur.
- The T-Rex lived in North American forests.
- Dinosaurs suddenly became extinct.

# Superhero Times

**BREAKING NEWS:** This morning the people of Hotham City are waking to the shocking news that the baddy, Captain Zeeborg has finally been defeated. After he has bullied the city for years, this news will come as a huge relief to many.



A witness confirmed that after an all-night standoff between Captain Zeeborg and a small, unknown superhero with green hair, he has finally been banished from the city.

Two other superheroes, Muscle Man and Zoom Boy, were found tied up in the captain's hideout. They were both unharmed.

Who could the green-haired hero be?

# Quick Questions

1. Why will the people of Hotham City be relieved?

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2. Can you find a word in the text that means the same as 'den' or 'lair'?

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3. What do you think happened to Muscle Man and Zoom Boy?

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4. How is the superhero who defeated Captain Zeeborg described?

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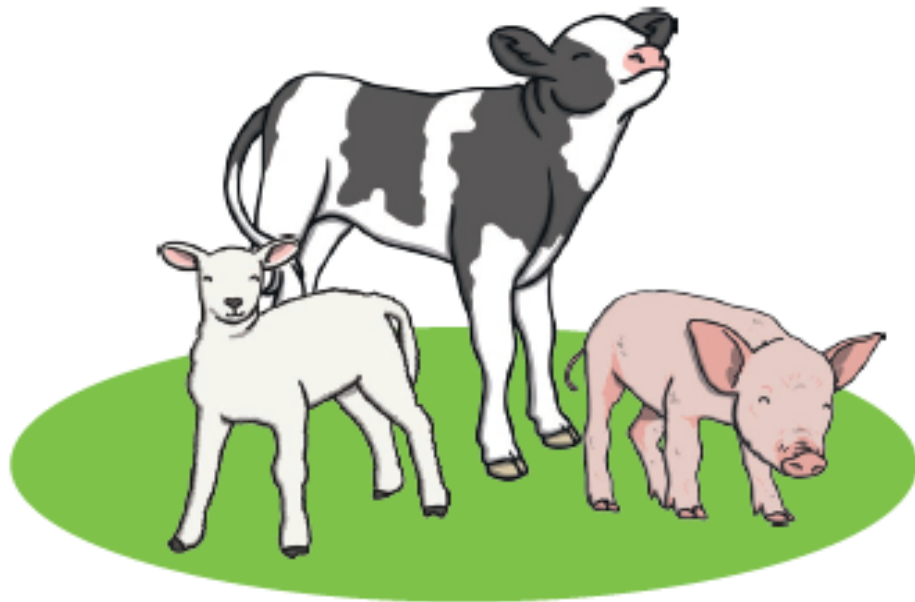
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## Farmyard Babies

A female pig is called a sow and they can have up to 25 babies in one litter! Their babies are called piglets.

Cows give birth to live young called calves. A calf feeds off its mother's milk for the first eight to ten weeks of its life so that it stays healthy and strong.

A lamb is the name of a baby sheep. The mother sheep is called a ewe. The farmer will normally bring the ewe into a barn to give birth. They can have up to four babies at a time but usually they only have one or two.



## Quick Questions

1. Why do you think the author uses an exclamation mark at the end of the first sentence?

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2. What are baby cows called?

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3. Why do you think that the farmer brings the ewe inside the barn to give birth?

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4. Why do baby cows drink their mother's milk for eight to ten weeks after they are born?

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## The Pendle Witches

A long time ago, some people used to think that witches existed if strange things happened. In Lancaster, a lady called Alison was walking along a path when she saw a shopkeeper called John Law. She asked him if she could buy some pins but she did not have much money. Pins were very expensive and John did not want to give them to her. As John carried on walking, he suddenly fell over. People believed that Alison had put a spell on John because she was upset that she could not have the pins she wanted. This was not true and Alison was not a witch – John was just poorly.

## Quick Questions

1. Number these events from 1 to 3 to show the order they happened in.

\_\_\_\_\_ John fell over.

\_\_\_\_\_ Alison asked John for some pins.

\_\_\_\_\_ John said no to Alison.

2. Which word in the text means that something costs a lot of money?  
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3. Why might people have thought that Alison was a witch?  
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4. Where did the events in the text happen?  
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