**Name a Dinosaur**

**Materials:**

* Word part cards (see below)
* Drawing Paper
* Markers, crayons or colored pencils

**Procedure:**

* Cut out the word part cards in advance.
* Explain to the students that dinosaur names come from Greek and Latin word parts that are combined to make one word that describes the dinosaur in some way. Sometimes a dinosaur’s name describes something about its body, head, or feet. Other dinosaurs are named for the way they move or their size. And some dinosaurs are named after the location where their fossils were found.
* For example, Tyrannosaurus is the combination of the word parts *tyrannos* (tyrant) and *saurus* (lizard). So the name Tyrannosaurus means Tyrant Lizard.
* Usually the person who discovers the dinosaur’s fossils gets to name the dinosaur.
* Tell the students that they will each receive two cards that have either a Greek or Latin word part written on it. These cards also tell what each word part means.
* The students should combine their word parts to make one dinosaur name and then draw a picture of their newly discovered dinosaur. They should write the name of their dinosaur on the paper.
* Remind the students that their picture should match the meaning of the dinosaur name.
* Hand out two cards and a piece of drawing paper to each student.
* When the students are finished have them share their dinosaur creations with the class

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| **brachys**  (short) | **saurus**  (lizard) |
| **kamptos**  (bent) | **onyx**  (claw) |
| **di**  (two) | **odon**  (teeth) |
| **gravis**  (heavy) | **ops**  (face) |
| **makros**  (long) | **gnathus**  (jaw) |
| **saltus**  (leaping) | **dipus**  (two-footed) |
| **stegos**  (plated) | **rhinos**  (nose) |
| **dino**  (terrible) | **venator**  (hunter) |
| **teratos**  (monster) | **pus**  (foot) |
| **tri**  (three) | **neustes**  (swimmer) |

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| **aeto**  (eagle) | **lepto**  (thin) |
| **anato**  (duck) | **pyro**  (fire) |
| **baga**  (little) | **lana**  (woolly) |
| **cera**  (horn) | **kentro**  (sharp point) |
| **draco**  (dragon) | **hypselo**  (high) |
| **echino**  (spiny) | **dromeus**  (runner) |
| **stegos**  (plated) | **veloci**  (speedy) |
| **hadro**  (large) | **urus**  (tail) |
| **penta**  (five) | **pogon**  (beard) |
| **phyllo**  (leaf) | **plateo**  (flat) |