Dinosaur Defenses

Dinosaurs just like all other animals depend on plants and other animals for food. All dinosaurs had special characteristics that helped them survive.

Read the descriptions of Dino Defenses. Cut out the pictures of the dinosaurs at the bottom of the page and glue them in place to match the descriptions.

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Hard, shell-like plates, much like a turtle shell, covered their body. Some had huge, bony club tails to swing and hit predators.	2. Long, sharp horns on its head and nose were lowered to face the enemy. A bony shield protected its neck from a predator's bite.	3. A thick, bone-like helmet, with sharp spikes sticking out, completely covered its head. It probably lowered its head and rammed the enemy as protection.
4. A sharp, spiked tail to swing in the direction of a predator and hard, bony plates running from head to tail helped to protect it from harm.	5. Six inch long, sharp teeth in a huge mouth and very sharp claws on hands and feet helped it hold and kill prey quickly.	6. The enormous size of the dinosaur along with its long, whip-like tail was enough to protect it against carnivores.
Tyrannosaurus	Ankylosaurus	Triceratops
Stegosaurus	Apatosaurus	Pachycephalosaurus

Answer Key

- 1. Ankylosaurus
- 2. Triceratops
- 3. Pachycephalosaurus
- 4. Stegosaurus
- 5. Tyrannosaurs
- 6. Apatosaurus