



Crazy Creatures

Lystrosaurus hedini

Lystrosaurus was a large **pig-like therapsid** from the Triassic period – 250 million years ago. The name Lystrosaurus means “shovel lizard” - named after the shape of its teeth!

Lystrosaurus was very common around the world after the great Permian extinction. Millions of Lystrosaurs would have roamed all over the world!

Time: 250 Million Years ago

Period: Triassic

***Survivor
Beak-Pig***

Your task 1: Draw Lystrosaurus! It had:

Short, stubby back legs
Powerful front legs for digging
A horny beak
Two large shovel like tusks

Your task 2: Lystrosaurus used both beak and teeth to root around in the ground for food. What kind of foods would it have found underground?

Creature Fact!

Lystrosaurs were great survivors – in some places they are the only fossils found after the great Permian extinction!

Your task 3: Palaeontologists think Lystrosaur looked a bit like a pig. What similarities do you think there are between Lystrosaurus and a pig?

Your task 4: Lystrosaurus lived all over the entire world. Are there any other animals that live everywhere in the world today?

Your task 5: We don't know what Lystrosaurus's skin was like! It might have been scaly or furry. We know that Lystrosaurus sometimes lived in cold environments though. Does this help us understand what its skin was like?

Your task 6: We don't know what kind of noises Lystrosaurus made when it was alive. Make up four noises Lystrosaur could have made. Do you think it was a loud and roary creature? Or a quiet and snuffly one?

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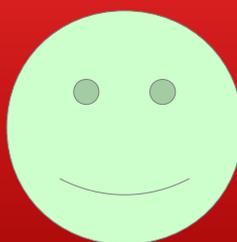
How weird do you think this creature was?



Boring!



Yeah Ok



A bit weird



Really weird!



Woah!



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