

Mosasaurus



20 Cool Facts you never knew about The Mosasaurus!



1. The Mosasaurus had a short, wide body and a long, thin tail. It was a powerful swimmer
2. The Mosasaurus had a hinged lower jaw, which allowed it to open its mouth very wide.
- 3, Its teeth were conical and serrated, perfect for seizing and grabbing prey.
4. The Mosasaurus was certainly big, however the estimates vary from 36 feet to 59 feet long
5. It is believed that the Mosasaurus gave birth to live young, rather than laying eggs.
6. The first Mosasaurus fossils were discovered in 1764.
7. The name Mosasaurus, means "Lizard of the Meuse River". Mosa means Meuse in Latin, and saurus means lizard in Greek in 1764

8. There are quite a few different species of Mosasaur, some were just 3 feet long (1 meter) and others are estimated to be up to 59 feet long! (almost 20 meters)
9. The Mosasaurus was the largest and most advanced member of this family.
10. Mosasaurs were closely related to monitor lizards and alligators, which are still alive today.
11. Mosasaurus has between 40 to 50 sharp, cone-shaped teeth that were perfect for grabbing and holding prey.
12. Mosasaurus was very widespread. fossil remains have been found all over the world including in: Africa, Europe, North America.
13. The Mosasaurus would have been an opportunistic predator, eating sea birds, fish, marine reptiles, and more.

14. On average they were about 2-3 inches long, and a larger tooth would be over 4 inches long.
15. The largest of the Mosasaurus could possibly weigh upwards of 30,000 lbs. (15,000kg) However, scientists are still unsure of exactly how "bulky" a Mosasaurus was
16. It was not able to move on land. its limbs had evolved into flippers and would not have been able to get around outside of water using them.
17. The Mosasaurus was alive during the Late Cretaceous period, around 88 to 65 million years ago,.
18. Jurassic World has a Mosasaurus about 2-3 times bigger than any on record.
19. You can buy Mosasaurus teeth!
20. Mosasaurus breathed air like a crocodile

