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**INSTRUCTIONS:** I am going to read you a passage called *Three Horns*. I will read it to you twice. After you listen to the first reading, you will be asked to answer a set of questions related to what you have heard. I will then read the passage again. After the second reading, you will be given time to review your answers to the questions and revise them if needed.

# Three Horns

The Triceratops was a large dinosaur with a really big head and three horns. Triceratops means three-horned-face in Greek. Triceratops lived during part of the Cretaceous period about seventy million years ago in what is now the Western United States and Canada.

Today we know what Triceratops looked like and where it lived because of fossils. A fossil is any preserved remain, impression, or trace of something that was alive in a previous geological age. From the fossil record, we know that when full grown, a Triceratops weighed between seven and twelve tons. It could grow up to thirty feet long from the tip of its snout to the end of its tail and reached heights of about nine feet. Two of its long horns protruded from the forehead above their eyes, the third horn was located on its snout. Triceratops also had a hard armorlike plate called a frill covering the back side of its neck and skull which was probably used for defense against carnivores.

The Triceratops was an herbivore, which means it ate only plants. They may have used their immense size to knock down trees to reach their leaves, as elephants do today. They had many rows of teeth and a hard, sharp beak, all of which helped them to cut through and crush vegetation to eat. Paleontologists believe that Triceratops lived in herds and roamed the plains searching for food.

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### QUESTIONS: Three Horns



1. The word triceratops means:
  - A. three
  - B. three horns
  - C. three horned face
  - D. big frill
2. Triceratops lived about \_\_\_\_\_ million years ago.
3. The area where triceratops lived is now the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. How do we know what triceratops looked like?
5. When grown, triceratops weighed between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ tons.
6. Circle the correct answer: Triceratops grew up to 30 / 9 feet high.
7. Triceratops had \_\_\_\_\_ horns above its eyes.
8. Triceratops had \_\_\_\_\_ horns protruding from its snout.
9. True or false: Triceratops was a carnivore. \_\_\_\_\_
10. True or false: Triceratops were loners. \_\_\_\_\_