DIMETRODON

🦕 **It wasn't a dinosaur at all** Even though it lived long before dinosaurs, Dimetrodon belonged to a different group of ancient animals.

🌞 **Its big sail acted like a solar panel** That huge sail on its back may have helped it warm up in the morning or cool down in the heat. Every individual Dimetrodon had a different sail that was shaped differently, like how everyone's faces are different.

🦷 **It had sharp, uneven teeth** Its name means "two-measured tooth," because it had different kinds of teeth — perfect for chomping meat.

📏 **It could grow longer than a grown-up human** Some Dimetrodons stretched over 10 feet long — that's longer than a couch.

🦴 **It lived millions of years *before* dinosaurs** Dimetrodon roamed the Earth about 290 million years ago, long before T. rex or Triceratops appeared.

