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## DINOSAURS

### ENGLISH IDIOM – DO YOU OWN A DINOSAUR?

- Watch the **YouTube** video (2:54) and fill in the missing words.



Easy English Conversation presents . . . “Do you own a dinosaur?” Everyone knows what a dinosaur is. They were big, strong **(1)**\_\_\_\_\_ that lived a very long time ago. When they were alive, they ruled our planet. They **(2)**\_\_\_\_\_ the kings of the earth! But now, sadly, they are all gone. The last dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago. Now, the only place you can see a real dinosaur is in a **(3)**\_\_\_\_\_. But last week, my friend told me that his dad owns a dinosaur! How is this possible? I **(4)**\_\_\_\_\_ him if he was talking about his pet **(5)**\_\_\_\_\_. That’s because scientists say that birds are actually a kind of flying, modern-day dinosaur. He **(6)**\_\_\_\_\_ at me, and then said no. Then he told me what he meant. He told me that his dad owns a really old car that **(7)**\_\_\_\_\_ work very well anymore. It’s always breaking down. When you say that something is a dinosaur, you mean that it’s old and not as good as newer, more modern things. Usually, this **(8)**\_\_\_\_\_ is used to talk about very old machines or technology. For example, my uncle gave me his old iPhone last year. But I **(9)**\_\_\_\_\_ very happy. It was an iPhone One. It’s a really old phone. And it doesn’t work very well. You can also say that a person is a dinosaur. But, if you do, that person’s going to get really angry! After all, **(10)**\_\_\_\_\_ likes to be called old and not very useful.

**FUN FACT:** Scientists want to make dinosaurs by changing the DNA of  
(A) alligators / (B) frogs / (C) chickens

**Aim** Listening and Reading practice / Learning an Idiom

**Level** Intermediate

**Video** 2 minutes 54 seconds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2VajlhwfDU>

## ANSWER KEY

(1) animals, (2) were, (3) museum, (4) asked, (5) bird, (6) laughed, (7) doesn't, (8) idiom, (9) wasn't, (10) no one

**FUN FACT:** the DNA of (C) **chickens**

## ACTIVITY NOTES

**1.**

As a fun way to get things started, begin your **Dinosaurs** lesson by asking your learners if they own a dinosaur. Think of something (especially an old machine) and mention that probably several people in the class own a dinosaur. Tell them that they will watch a video that explains the meaning.

**2.**

Distribute the attached YouTube Idiom Worksheet and play the video. Be sure to stop the video when you hear the bell and see the words “Fun Fact!” (2:10)

**3.**

Consider playing the video a second time as your learners fill in the missing words. Note that *Closed Captioning* is available, so you may want to turn this function on, the second time, to help your students. Again, as above, stop the video when you hear the bell and see the words, “Fun Fact!”

**4.**

Have your learners take a guess at which animal scientists want to change into dinosaurs (by changing their DNA). Continue the video to find out the answer (chickens).

**5.**

Continue the lesson by discussing with your learners old things that own. You may want to assign writing homework directly related to this idiom; you can find this at:

<https://www.allthingstopics.com/idiom-quiz-dinosaur.html>