

Plesiosaurs and other Large Marine Reptiles with Paleobiologist Dr. Laura Soul

Companion Worksheet

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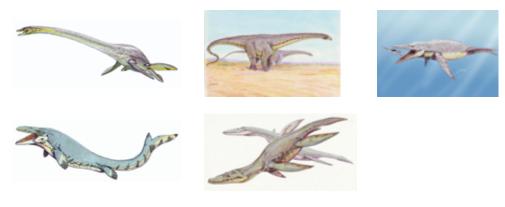
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- b. Herbivores, plant eaters
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5. Circle all of the Sauropterygians



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