



# The Smallest Dinosaur



*A Story for A1 Readers*

**Fleydo English School**

This little story is for beginner readers. Read it slowly, look at the **bold words** and find them in the Word List at the end. After the story, try the activities: a Word List, a Matching game, Fill in the Blanks, and a Quiz. Have fun!

**Chapter 1****A Very Small Dino***Dot wants to be big*

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A long, long time ago, **dinosaurs** live on Earth. Some dinosaurs are very big. Some dinosaurs are very **small**.

Dot is a little dinosaur. She is the **smallest** dinosaur in all the land. She is green, with a long tail and big eyes.

Dot is not happy. “I am too small,” she says. “All the other dinosaurs are big. I want to be big too!”

Her friend Rex is very big. Rex is tall and **strong**. When Rex walks, the ground shakes. Boom! Boom! Boom!

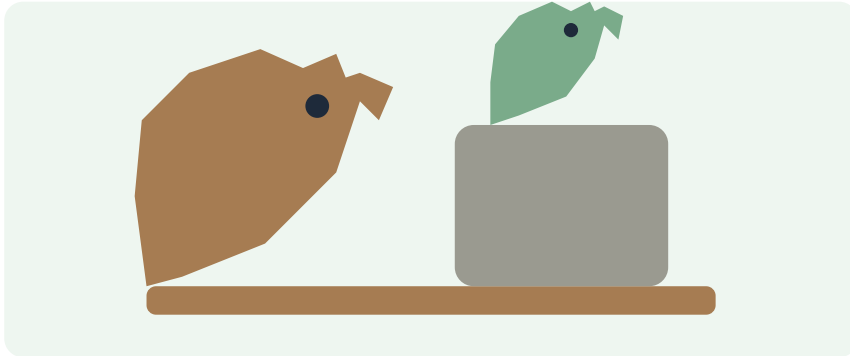
“You are **lucky**, Rex,” Dot says. “You are big and strong. I am just small.”

“But small is good too,” Rex says. Dot shakes her head. “No. Big is best. I want to be big, big, big!”

## Chapter 2

## Dot Tries to Grow

*Dot wants to be big like the others*



*Dot tries to be tall on a big rock.*

Dot has a plan. “Big dinosaurs eat a lot,” she thinks. “So I eat a lot too. Then I **grow** big!”

Dot eats and eats. She eats green leaves. She eats red berries. But Dot does not grow. She is still small. And now her tummy hurts!

Then Dot has another idea. “Big dinosaurs are tall. So I stand on a big **rock**. Then I am tall too!”

Dot climbs up on a big rock. “Look at me! I am tall now!” But then she looks down. The rock is very high. Dot is **scared**. “Help! I cannot get down!”

Rex comes. He is big, so he lifts Dot down easily. “Thank you, Rex,” Dot says.

“You see?” Rex says. “You cannot make yourself big. You are small. And that is okay.” But Dot is sad. “Small dinosaurs cannot do anything.” “That is not true,” Rex says. “You will see.”

### Chapter 3

## A Big Problem

*The big dinosaurs need help*

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One day, the dinosaurs are **hungry**. They want to eat the sweet fruit on a tall tree.

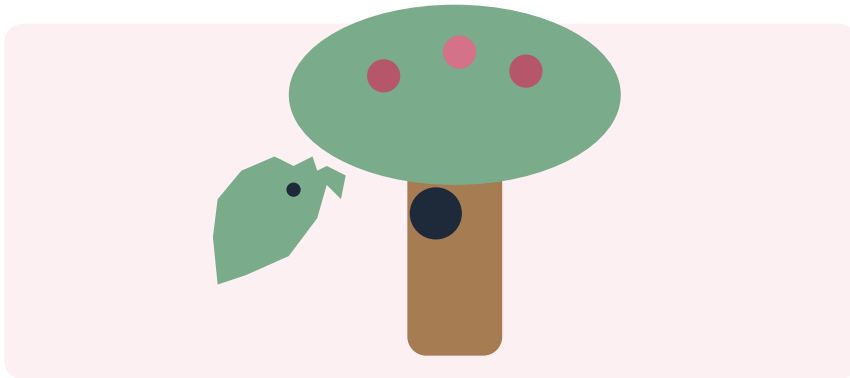
But there is a problem. The best fruit is in a small hole in the tree. The hole is **tiny**.

Rex tries to get the fruit. But his head is too big. His arm is too big. He cannot **reach** inside the hole.

The other big dinosaurs try too. But they are all too big. Nobody can get the fruit.

“This is a big problem,” Rex says. “We are all too big. The hole is too small for us.” Then Rex looks at Dot. “Dot! You are small. Maybe you can help us!”

“Yes!” Rex says. “Your head is small. Your arms are small. Maybe you can reach inside the hole!” Dot looks at the small hole. It is just the right **size** for her. “Okay,” Dot says. “I try.”

**Chapter 4****Small Dino, Big Help***Dot saves the day**Dot reaches the fruit in the small hole!*

Dot puts her small head into the hole. She puts her small arm inside. She reaches and reaches.

“I can feel it!” Dot says. “I can feel the fruit!” Slowly, Dot pulls the sweet fruit out of the hole. One, two, three, four... so many fruits!

“Hooray!” the big dinosaurs shout. “Dot does it! Dot gets the fruit!”

Dot gives the fruit to all her friends. Now everybody can eat. The fruit is sweet and **delicious**.

“Thank you, Dot!” Rex says. “You are small, but you help us all. We cannot do it, but you can!” Dot smiles a big smile. For the first time, she is **proud** to be small.

“Small is good!” Dot says. The big dinosaurs cheer for Dot. She is the **hero** of the day. “Three cheers for Dot! Hip, hip, hooray!”

## Chapter 5

# More Small Adventures

*Dot finds more ways to help*

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After that day, Dot is not sad about her size. She is happy to be small. Soon, Dot helps her friends in many ways.

One day, a big dinosaur has a stone in his foot. The stone is in a small space. Rex cannot reach it. But Dot can! Dot takes out the stone with her small hands.

Another day, a baby dinosaur is lost in a small cave. The big dinosaurs cannot go in. The cave is too small for them. But Dot is small. She goes in and finds the baby!

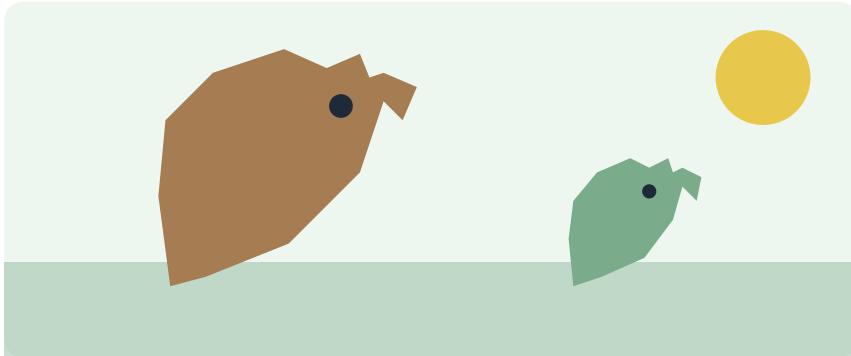
“Dot is amazing,” the big dinosaurs say. “She can go where we cannot go.” Dot is very happy. Being small is not bad. Being small is **special!**

“Big dinosaurs are strong,” Rex says. “And small dinosaurs are **clever** and fast. We are all **different**. And that is good!”

“Yes!” Dot says. “Big is good. And small is good too.” Dot looks at her small body now. She is not sad any more. She is proud. “I am the smallest dinosaur, and I love it!”

**Chapter 6****Big Friends, Small Friends**

*Everyone is special in their own way*



*Big friends and small friends together.*

One sunny day, all the dinosaurs play together. The big dinosaurs and the small dinosaurs.

The big dinosaurs are good at some things. They can carry big rocks. They can reach tall trees.

The small dinosaurs are good at other things. They are fast. They can hide. They can go in small places.

“Look,” Dot says to a sad young dinosaur. “You are small, like me. But small is not bad. Small is special!”

The young dinosaur smiles. “Really?” “Yes!” Dot says. “You can do things that big dinosaurs cannot do.”

The young dinosaur is happy now. “Thank you, Dot. Now I am proud to be small too!” From that day, all the small dinosaurs are proud.

**Chapter 7****The Happy Little Dino**

*Dot learns to love who she is*

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Now Dot does not want to be big. She is happy to be small. Every day, Dot helps her friends. She goes in small holes. She finds lost things.

The big dinosaurs help too. They carry heavy things. They reach high trees. Everybody helps in their own way.

“We are a **team**,” Rex says. “Big and small, together. We are all important.”

One evening, Dot sits with Rex and watches the sun go down. “Rex,” she says, “you are right. Small is good.”

“I know,” Rex says with a smile. “You are small on the outside. But you have a big **heart**.”

Dot smiles. She is the smallest dinosaur in all the land. And she would not change a thing.

*“Big or small, everyone is special.”*

## Word List

*Learn these words from the story*

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>Dinosaur</b>  | a very big animal that lived on Earth long ago |
| <b>Small</b>     | not big; little in size                        |
| <b>Smallest</b>  | the most small of all                          |
| <b>Strong</b>    | having a lot of power; not weak                |
| <b>Lucky</b>     | when good things happen to you                 |
| <b>Grow</b>      | to get bigger                                  |
| <b>Rock</b>      | a big, hard stone                              |
| <b>Scared</b>    | afraid; full of fear                           |
| <b>Hungry</b>    | when you want to eat food                      |
| <b>Tiny</b>      | very, very small                               |
| <b>Reach</b>     | to put your hand on something far away         |
| <b>Size</b>      | how big or small something is                  |
| <b>Delicious</b> | tasting very good                              |
| <b>Proud</b>     | happy because you did something good           |
| <b>Hero</b>      | a person who does something good and brave     |
| <b>Special</b>   | not like the others; very good in its own way  |

## Matching

Draw a line from each word to its meaning

|             |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Small    | a. Very, very small                  |
| 2. Smallest | b. Very good in its own way          |
| 3. Strong   | c. When good things happen to you    |
| 4. Lucky    | d. A brave person who helps          |
| 5. Grow     | e. To put your hand on something far |
| 6. Scared   | f. To get bigger                     |
| 7. Hungry   | g. Happy because you did well        |
| 8. Tiny     | h. The most small of all             |
| 9. Reach    | i. Not big; little in size           |
| 10. Proud   | j. When you want to eat food         |
| 11. Hero    | k. Having a lot of power             |
| 12. Special | l. Afraid; full of fear              |

## Fill in the Blanks

Write the correct word from the box in each gap

delicious · grow · hero · hungry · reach · scared · smallest · special · strong ·  
tiny

1. Dot is the \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaur in all the land.
2. Her friend Rex is big and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Dot eats a lot because she wants to \_\_\_\_\_ big.
4. On the high rock, Dot is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The dinosaurs want food because they are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The fruit is in a \_\_\_\_\_ hole in the tree.
7. Dot is small, so she can \_\_\_\_\_ inside the hole.
8. The sweet fruit is \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Dot saves the day. She is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the day.
10. In the end, Dot knows that being small is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Comprehension Quiz

Circle the correct answer for each question

### 1. What kind of animal is Dot?

- A) A bird
- B) A dinosaur
- C) A cat
- D) A fish

### 2. What is Dot's problem at the start?

- A) She is too big
- B) She wants to be big, not small
- C) She is hungry
- D) She is lost

### 3. Who is Dot's big friend?

- A) Sam
- B) Max
- C) Rex
- D) Leo

### 4. What does Dot do to try to be big?

- A) She sleeps a lot
- B) She eats a lot and stands on a rock
- C) She runs fast
- D) She drinks water

### 5. Why can't the big dinosaurs get the fruit?

- A) The tree is too tall
- B) They are not hungry
- C) They are too big for the small hole
- D) The fruit is bad

**6. Who can reach the fruit in the small hole?**

- A) Rex
- B) Dot, because she is small
- C) Nobody
- D) A bird

**7. How do the dinosaurs feel about Dot after she gets the fruit?**

- A) They are angry
- B) They cheer for her
- C) They are sad
- D) They do not care

**8. What other things can Dot do because she is small?**

- A) Carry big rocks
- B) Reach tall trees
- C) Go into small caves and spaces
- D) Nothing

**9. What does Rex say at the end?**

- A) Big is best
- B) Small is bad
- C) Big and small are both good; you have a big heart
- D) Dot must grow bigger

**10. What is the main idea of the story?**

- A) Dinosaurs are scary
- B) Everyone is special in their own way
- C) Big is always better
- D) Small dinosaurs are useless

## Answer Key

*For teachers and parents*

**Matching:** 1-i 2-h 3-k 4-c 5-f 6-l 7-j 8-a 9-e 10-g 11-d 12-b

**Fill in the Blanks:** 1. smallest 2. strong 3. grow 4. scared 5. hungry 6. tiny 7. reach 8. delicious 9. hero 10. special

**Quiz:** 1. B 2. B 3. C 4. B 5. C 6. B 7. B 8. C 9. C 10. B



**Thank you for reading with Fleydo English School!**

*Key Ideas: Everyone is special in their own way · Big and small are both good · You can do things others cannot · Love who you are*