

Top five deadly defenders

Some prehistoric animals were not much good on the attack but they were great defenders.



Tiarajudens (tee-ah-rah-hoo-dens)

Tiarajudens lived in South America about 260 million years ago. It looks like a carnivore because of its large teeth. But this dog-sized mammal was actually a strict vegetarian!

Scientists think it must have used its tusk-like canine teeth to scare off predators or rivals.

Defence weapon

- sabre-like teeth

Ankylosaurs (ank-ee-loh-sores)

People say that ankylosaurs look like prehistoric tanks! There were several different kinds of ankylosaur and they were all well defended against predators!

Their head, back and shoulders were covered in bony plates with spikes for extra protection. They could use their tail like a whip to stun their enemies.

Some ankylosaurs also had a club-like bone on the end of their tail to swing at attackers.

Defence weapons

- armoured plates
- spikes
- tail



Some ankylosaurs even had armoured eyelids!