

# “Magic School Bus: Dinosaurs” iPad App

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## Overview:

Magic School Bus: Dinosaurs is a new interactive book on the iPad for kids ages 2-8.

We will need **non-union** actors for 12 parts. Actors who can do more than one part would be ideal.

All children’s parts need to be played by adult actors.

## Character Descriptions & Sample Dialogue:

- **UI/GAMES NARRATOR (ADULT):** The narrator should be male. His voice should be youthful, soothing, and energetic. His voice should be mid-range- not too high or too deep. He should sound about 20-25 years of age. This actor will have to pronounce, with assistance, a lot of dinosaur names.

Sample dialogue:

Touch here, or tilt the iPad to flip over the dinosaur card.

Coelophysis was up to three feet long but weighed only 55 pounds.

Bone is wrapped with burlap and plaster so it won’t break when it is moved.

- **STORY NARRATOR (Adult that sounds like child):** This student narrator will read the story only from the perspective of one of the students. This student should sound about 6-9 years of age. He should sound sure of himself (there is no childishness or uncertainty in his voice- he gives a solid read as narrator.) There lots of expression in his voice when he is describing his experiences.

Sample dialogue:

It was Visitors Day at our school. Parents, relatives, and friends were coming that afternoon to see our work.

In Ms. Frizzle’s class, we were making the whole room into Dinosaur Land!

As we went out, one kid grabbed the video camera. Others took along model dinosaurs for good luck.

- **MS. FRIZZLE:** Ms. Frizzle is a very energetic and quirky teacher around 25 years of age. She is fun, eccentric, upbeat, and active. Her voice should be higher and feminine, not low or scratchy. She should have a slight sing-songy quality to her energy, as would fit a teacher. Should should speak dramatically, and inspire fascination.

Sample dialogue:

Please pay attention, children. I have wonderful news! Our class has been invited to a dinosaur dig.

We’re on our way to fossil country, kids! Who knows what a fossil is?

We’re on our way to the time of the *Maiasaura*. Hang on, class!

- **GIRL #1, GIRL #2, GIRL #3, GIRL #4 (Adults that sound like kids):** There are 4 young school-aged girls in the story. Each delivers short interjectory lines. We will need 4 distinct voices to read small lines like these. All voices should sound about 6-9 years old and should be excited, upbeat, and happy.

Sample dialogue:

I love Visitors Day!

My grandma's coming. I hope she likes my project.

There were no dinosaurs in the time of cave people.

- **BOY #1, BOY #2, BOY #3. BOY #4 (Adults that sound like kids):** There are 4 young school-aged boys in the story. Each delivers short interjectory lines. We will need 4 distinct voices to read small lines like these. All voices should sound about 6-9 years old and should be excited, upbeat, and happy.

Sample dialogue:

Maybe we don't have to learn all these dinosaur names. (sarcastically)

My lucky dinosaur is Tyrannosaurus Rex.

It's amazing that I've lasted this long in Ms. Frizzle's class. (sarcastically)

- **MALE PALEONTOLOGIST:** This roughly 25 year old character should sound a tiny bit gruff (as in someone who digs outside all day, like an adventurer or explorer) but also very knowledgeable and confident, without sounding nerdy.

Sample dialogue:

Valerie! I haven't seen you since high school!

We found the bones of some Maiasura dinosaurs, Valerie.

We were hoping to find their nests.

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The final recordings will be 1-4 hour sessions next week,  
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