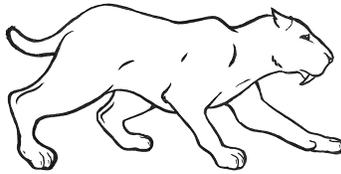Name: _____ Date: _____

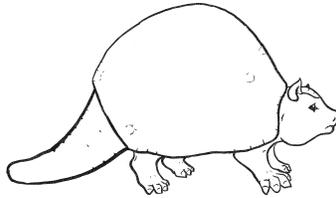# DECODING NAMES

Most scientific names are made by combining Greek and Latin words. Use this chart to decode the name of each Ice Age animal.
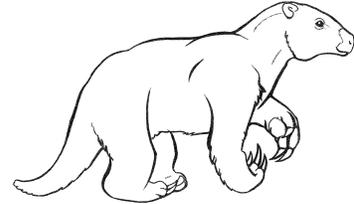
Archaeo (very old)	Don, Dont (tooth)	Onyx (claw)	Saur, Saurus (lizard)
Arcto (bear)	Dus (tooth)	Ops (face)	Seismo (earth-shaking)
Baro (heavy)	Glypto (carved)	Ornith (bird)	Smilo (saber)
Brachio (arm)	Gnathus (jaw)	Ovi (egg)	Stego (plated)
Cerat (horn)	Homo (same)	Pachy (thick)	Super (above)
Cryo (cold)	Lopho (crested)	Para (next to)	Terra (land)
Dactylus, Dactyl (finger)	Mega, Megalo (large)	Poly (many)	Therium, There (beast)
Di (two)	Micro (small)	Pro (before)	Thero (fierce)
Dino, Deino (terrible)	Mimus (imitator)	Proto (first)	Tri (three)
Diplo (double)	Mono (one)	Ptero (wing)	Veloci (swift)

Smilodon   Glyptodon   Megatherium

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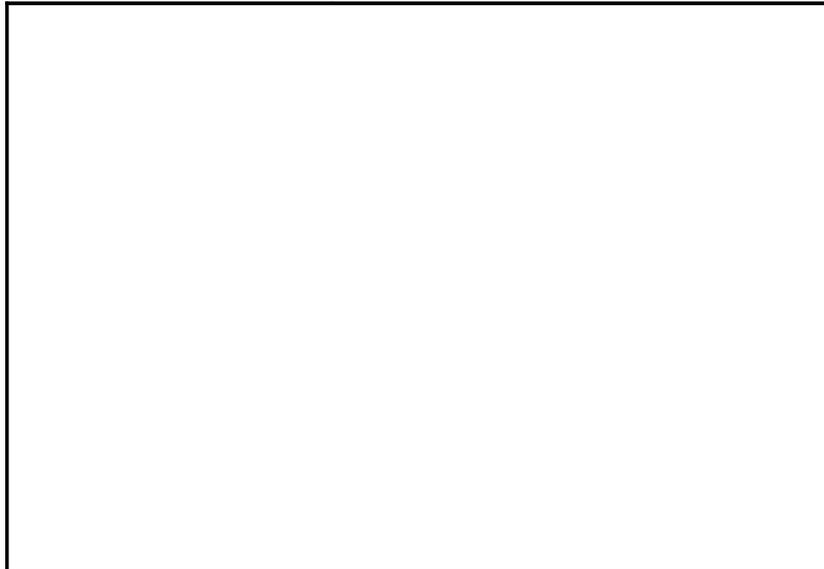
NEW SPECIES!

While digging up fossils, you discovered a new animal! Draw a picture of your animal, and then use the chart to give it a scientific name.

★When did your animal live?

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★What did your animal eat?

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★How much did it weigh?

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★Scientific Name: _____★