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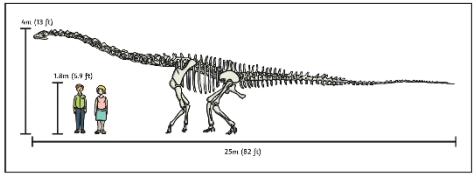
The real Diplodocus skeleton was found in America in 1898 and put on display there. King Edward VII saw a drawing of it and he asked to have a model of the skeleton built for the Natural History Museum.

The king's wish eventually came true. The 292 bones arrived in London in 36 packing boxes. It took four months to put the skeleton together and Dippy finally went on show on Friday 12th May, 1905. What an amazing sight he was!

Dippy hasn't had a boring time at the museum. The skeleton was gently taken apart in the wartime and put into the basement to keep him safe from the bombs. He has even been in television programmes and films. What a star!

Don't worry if you haven't met Dippy yet. He is being carefully packed away by the people that work at the museum. Dippy starts his tour in February 2018 so there is still lots of time for you to see this unbelievable dinosaur skeleton.

For more information about the tour go to http://www.nhm.ac.uk/about-us/national-impact/Diplodocus-on-tour.html



This shows the actual size of a Diplodocus.

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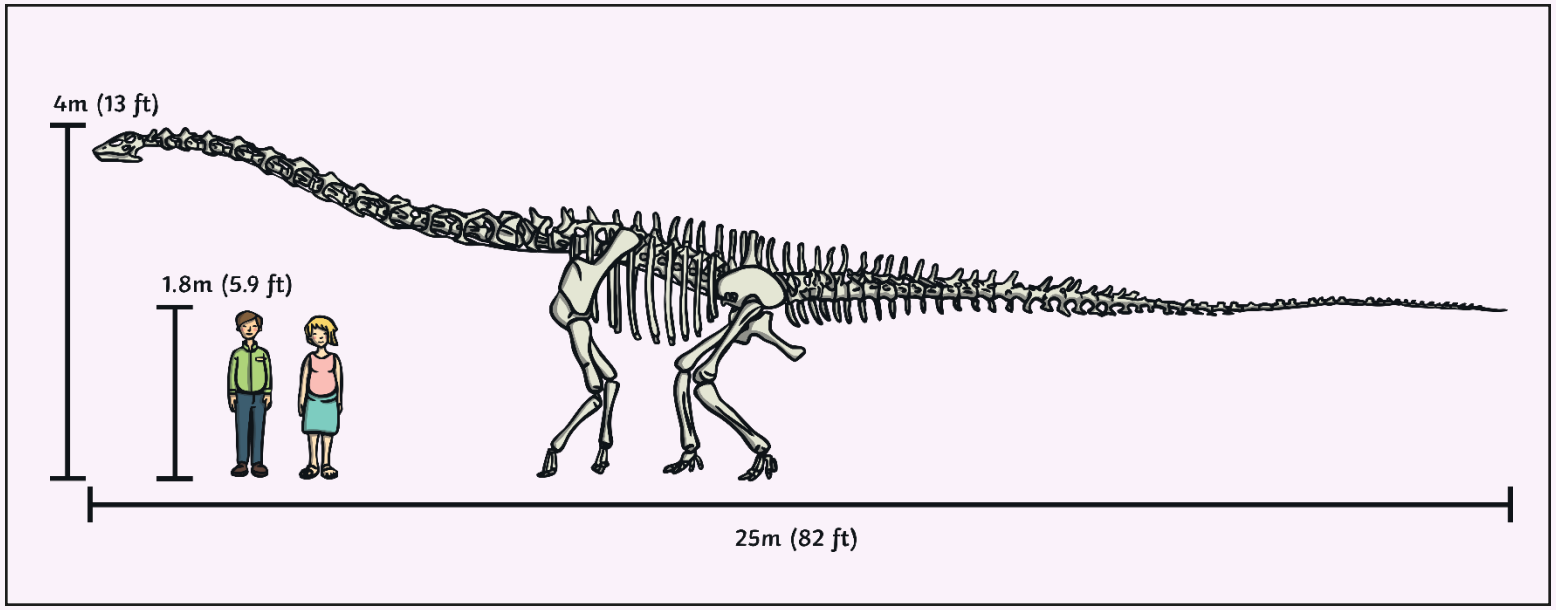
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