



# When Sue Found Sue

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Learn about the life of Sue Hendrickson, who discovered the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex, named Sue in her honor.

## READ

**Before:** Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *what do you think this story is about?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an “I wonder” statement based on the cover illustration.

I wonder why the girl is hammering above the skeleton?

**During:** Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out “rare words” (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

### Rare Words

- curiosity – the desire to learn or know more about something or someone
- paleontologist – someone who digs up, studies and preserves fossils
- prehistoric – existing in the time before people could write
- fossils – bones or imprints of past living things
- mapped –to record in detail the location of things

**After:** Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Young Sue was always on a mission to find things. What types of things did she look for?
- How did young Sue learn about things that interested her?
- What did Sue begin discovering when she was 17? Where did she search for treasures?
- What parts of the dinosaur did Sue first spot while out hiking?
- What tools did Sue use to uncover bones and fossils?
- Where can you currently find Sue the T. rex?
- Have you ever visited a dinosaur in a museum?
- What kind of things would you like to find?



**DO**

**Watch these videos to learn more about Sue the T. Rex.**

YouTube-Sue the Dinosaur Finds a New Home in Chicago

PBS-Building Sue, The T. Rex



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