



# Fossils and Evidence of Past Life

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: Grade 3

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2. Which of these is a trace fossil in Grade 3 science?

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## Part B: Fill in the Blank

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2. Comparing extinct creatures to \_\_\_\_\_ animals helps scientists picture how they lived.
3. Scientists can tell a fossil is not a rock by its \_\_\_\_\_ pattern or shape.
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