



Fossils and Evidence of Past Life

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 3

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. In Grade 3 science, a scientist who studies fossils is called a _____.
2. In Grade 3 science, paleontologists use small brushes and _____ to gently remove rock from bones.
3. In Grade 3 science, fossils are carefully wrapped in _____ jackets for safe travel to labs.
4. In Grade 3 science, a place where paleontologists search for fossils is called a dig _____.
5. In Grade 3 science, by studying fossils, paleontologists learn about Earth's _____ life.
6. In Grade 3 science, fossils help paleontologists see how species have _____ over time.
7. In Grade 3 science, the deeper a rock layer is, the _____ the fossils inside usually are.
8. In Grade 3 science, paleontologists write notes and take _____ to record each fossil's position.
9. In Grade 3 science, museum exhibits show fossils so the _____ can learn about ancient life.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

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Paleontologist	→ _____	Scientist who studies fossils
Dig site	→ _____	Place where fossils are excavated
Plaster jacket	→ _____	Wrap that protects fossils
Rock layer	→ _____	Stack that shows fossil age

Answer Key · Fossils and Evidence of Past Life · Grade: Grade 3

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3. In Grade 3 science, fossils are carefully wrapped in plaster jackets for safe travel to labs.
4. In Grade 3 science, a place where paleontologists search for fossils is called a dig site.
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