

Fossils: Evidence of Past Environments

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Understanding Fossils and Their Importance

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about fossils and their role in showing past life.

1. What is a fossil?

- A. A type of rock
- B. The remains or traces of ancient living things
- C. A living plant

2. How do fossils help us learn about past environments?

3. Fossils can be bones, shells, plant impressions, or even ____.

4. Match the type of fossil to its description.

Bones

The remains of animals

Footprints

Tracks left behind by animals

5. How might fossils show us how environments have changed?

- A. They can tell us what animals ate
- B. They show us the weather
- C. They provide evidence of ancient life and environments

6. What do you think a fossil can tell us about an animal that lived long ago?

7. Some fossils are formed when minerals replace the original ____.

8. Fossils are only found in rocks that are millions of years old.

True False

9. According to Job 12:7-8, who can teach us about creation?

- A. Animals and the earth
- B. Only scientists
- C. People who study fossils

10. Why is it important to appreciate God's design in preserving natural history?

Answer Key

1. The remains or traces of ancient living things 2. Fossils give clues about what the environment was like long ago. 3. footprints 4. The remains of animals 5. Tracks left behind by animals 6. They provide evidence of ancient life and environments 7. A fossil can show us what the animal looked like and how it lived. 8. material 9. False 10. Animals and the earth