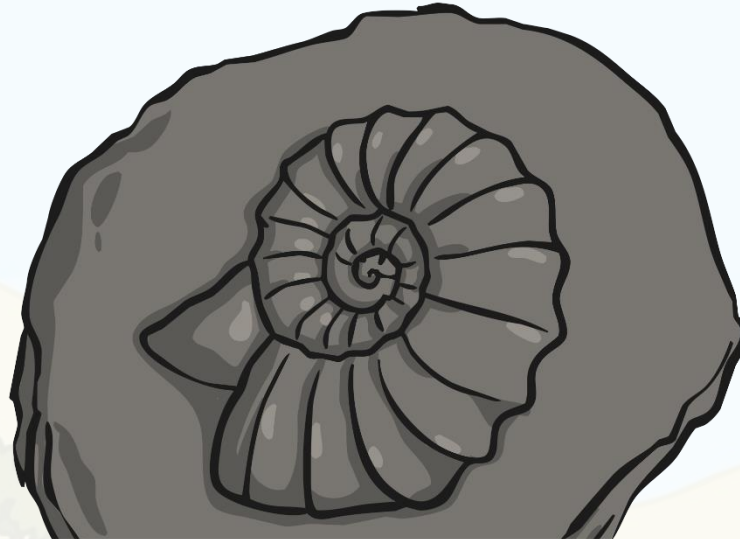
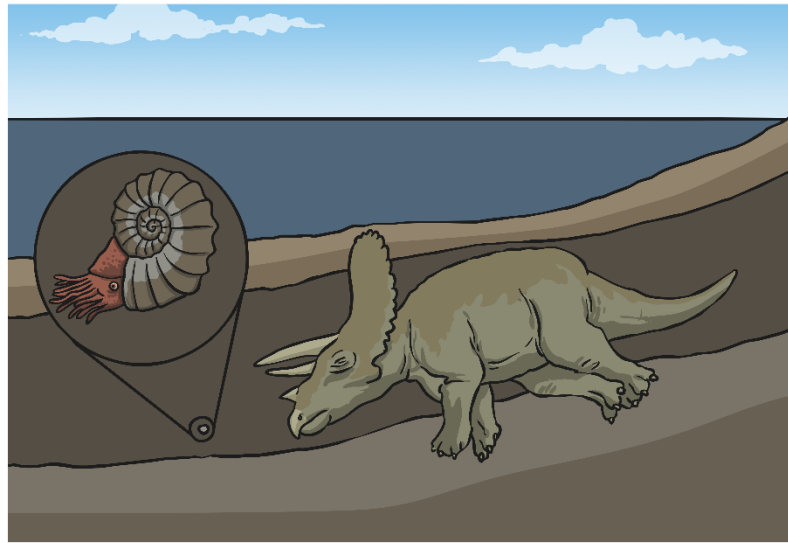


What is a Fossil?



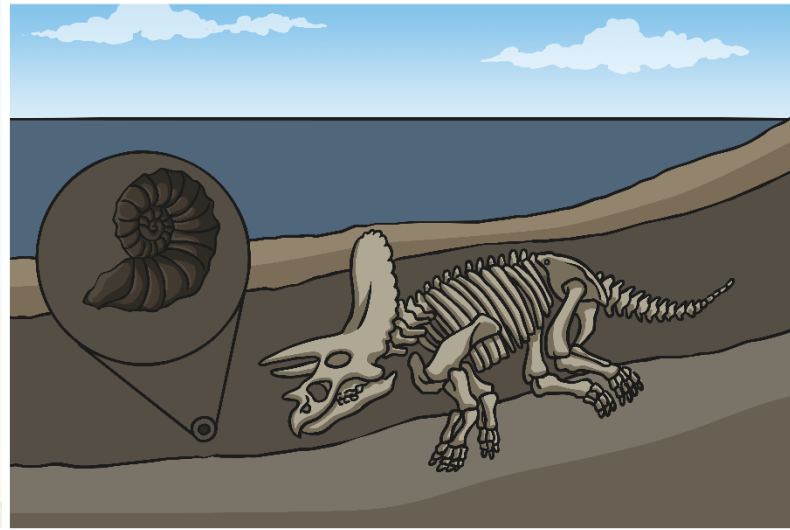
A fossil is a special rock that holds the remains of creatures and plants that lived millions of years ago.

How Were Fossils Created?



When a creature died a long time ago its shell or body was buried deep into the ground. Over time it got covered in lots of layers of mud. This protected it and stopped it from crumbling into tiny pieces.

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After many years, the mud became hard and turned into rock. As this happened, the shell or body became a fossil. It is the harder parts of the animals which are now found fossilised, such as their shells, bones and teeth.



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