



Extensive reading: Fossils

1 Describe the pictures. What do you know about fossils?

2 Read.

What are fossils?

Fossils are parts of animals that died a very long time ago. You can find fossils in rocks. You can see the shape of the animal. Some fossils are more than 500 million years old.

Why are fossils important?

Fossils tell us about the past. We can learn about types of rocks and we can learn about animals that lived a very long time ago.

Where can you find fossils?

You can find fossils in many places. You can find them on mountains and in lakes. You can find them in rivers and on beaches. You can find them under the ground, too.

How can I see a fossil?

You can visit museums to look at fossils. The Geological Museum in Ha Noi has a nice collection. You can also look for fossils on the beach. Sometimes you can see them on the sand or in the rocks.

This is a fossil of an ammonite. These animals lived in the sea about 400 million years ago. Today, you can find these fossils on beaches in England. Some scientists even found ammonites in Da Lat!



This fossil was found in Na Duong in Viet Nam and was part of a type of rhinoceros that used to live in Viet Nam. From looking at the teeth, scientists think that the rhinoceros used to live in the forest.

3 Read again. Where did they find the fossils in the pictures?

4. Read again and answer.

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| 1. What are fossils? | a. Some fossils are more than 500 million years old. |
| 2. How old are some fossils? | b. We can find fossils on mountains, in lakes, in rivers, on beaches, and under the ground, too. |
| 3. What can we learn from fossils? | c. Fossils are parts of animals that died a very long time ago. |
| 4. Where can we find fossils? | d. We can learn about types of rocks and about animals that lived a very long time ago. |
| 5. Where did scientists find the ammonites in Viet Nam? | e. Rhinoceros used to live in the forest. |
| 6. Where did the rhinoceros use to live? | f. Some scientists found ammonites in Da Lat. |

5. Ask and answer.

- 1. Would you like to find a fossil? Why?*
- 2. Do you like learning about the past? Why?*

Example:

- 1. Yes. Because I can learn about types of rocks and I can learn about animals that lived a very long time ago.*
- 2. Yes, I do. Because I can learn many things.*