

Girl's amazing fossil discovery

Scientists who study rocks are called geologists. It is the dream of geologists around the world to find out something new about the past. Scientists were very surprised



when this happened to a young girl in England. Daisy Morris, now 10, was walking on a beach with her family. Suddenly, she saw some black bones sticking out of the sand. She knew it was a fossil and so she dug it out and showed her family. She was only five years old at the time, and she was very interested in fossils.

Her family took the fossil to a geologist called Mr Simpson.

Scientists then studied it for five years. Then, in 2013, they told the world that Daisy's fossil was of a flying dinosaur. In fact, it was a flying dinosaur that no one knew existed before, so this dinosaur didn't have a name.

As Daisy discovered the dinosaur, the scientists called it *Vectidraco Daisymorrisae*. This means Daisy Morris Flying Dinosaur. Scientists think it is 250 million years old. Daisy's dinosaur is now in the Natural History Museum in London.

Mr Simpson said, "I knew that I was looking at something very special. And I was right." He was very happy that Daisy found the dinosaur because it was going to be washed into the sea and lost for ever.

All Daisy's family and friends are very proud of her.



Daisy said: "When I told my friends they said it was cool."

Daisy still loves fossils. She has so many that her family says that her bedroom is like a museum. Daisy wants to be a geologist when she grows up.

3 Read again and answer the questions.

- 1 How old was Daisy when she found the fossil?

- 2 How long did scientists study the fossil for?

- 3 Where is Daisy's dinosaur now?

- 4 What does Daisy want to be when she grows up?

4 Ask and answer.

- 1 Are you interested in dinosaurs? Why?
- 2 Imagine you find a new dinosaur fossil. What is its name?