

Topic 5: Vocabulary

QUIET SANDS

Pick a word that matches the definition:

BLURT – CREATURE – EDGE – PALEONTOLOGIST – RESIN – SPIKE

1. A general term for an animal:
2. A sticky liquid from the inside of some trees:
3. A scientist who studies fossils of prehistoric plants and animals:
4. To say something suddenly without thinking:
5. An object that is sharp and pointed:
6. The thin side or outside limit of something:

Look and write the materials and fossils nouns:

Materials

amber
carbon
mineral
mud
sand
sediment
tar

Fossil Nouns

cast
footprint
fossil
impression
mold
trace



1 A is the remains or trace of a prehistoric plant or animal. Often the remains were covered by . Some examples of sediment are at the bottom of a lake or ocean, and , or wet dirt. Over millions of years, it becomes solid rock.



2 Over time, the remains disappear, leaving an empty in the rock. This is called a fossil. If water and get into the space, it forms a fossil.

3 Sometimes, whole animals or plants were preserved when they got stuck in different materials, such as yellow or orange from tree resin, sticky black or even ice.



4 fossils aren't the remains of animals or plants, but they do show that these living things existed. The in this picture are a good example.

5 All living things contain . Even when the other remains of a plant or animal are gone, this material persists. That is how a carbon-film fossil forms.