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FOSSILS

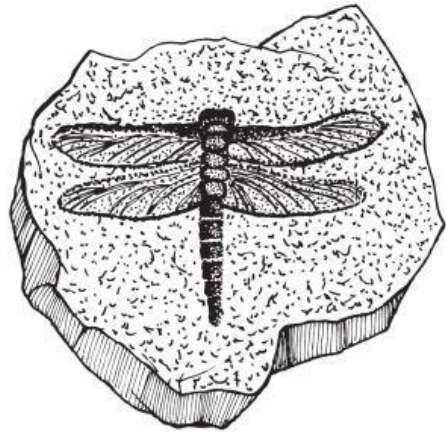
What is a fossil? A fossil is what is left from a very old animal or plant. The word *fossil* means “dug up.”

Fossils can be bones. They can also be shapes of bones or plants left in a rock. People dig up rocks. They hope to find clues to our past.

We learn about dinosaurs from fossils. These animals are gone. But they left their bones and shapes behind.

An animal or plant dies. It is buried. Over the years, it breaks down. What is left behind is stone. This is called a fossil.

We can learn a lot from fossils. We learn about our land. We learn about animals. Do you want a fossil? Go digging!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. The word *fossil* means . . .
 - a. dig it.
 - b. dinosaur.
 - c. dug up.
 - d. land.
2. Why do people dig up rocks?
 - a. to find clues to our past
 - b. to hit each other
 - c. to hit dinosaurs
 - d. to find gold
3. What did dinosaurs leave behind?
 - a. babies
 - b. bones
 - c. sand
 - d. plants
4. What should you do if you want a fossil?
 - a. dig it up
 - b. steal one
 - c. make one
 - d. bury a plant