

Lesson 1: Geological Timeline

Vocabulary

Instructions : match the key terms to its correct definition.

Key Term	Definition
Superposition	The principle of _____ states that <u>geologic processes that occur today are similar to those that have occurred in the past</u>
Mass extinction	_____, or the actual <u>age in numbers or years</u>
Uniformitarianism	The age of rocks and <u>geologic features compared with other rocks and geologic features nearby</u> is the _____.
Absolute age	_____ is the principle that in undisturbed rock layers, the <u>oldest rocks are on the bottom</u>
Relative age	_____ are the <u>preserved remains or evidence of ancient living things</u> .
Fossils	When when <u>many species on Earth died within a relatively short period of time</u> is a _____