

Fossil Vocabulary

1. Sedimentary Rock: layer of Earth where most fossils are found because they get buried
2. Extinct: Describes a group of things that are no longer living
3. Imprint Fossil: Also known as a trace fossil, this is the footprint an animal leaves behind in mud which becomes a fossil over time
4. Mold: The shape of a plant or animal that was left in sediment (think of what the seashell left in the playdough).
5. Petrified Wood: A type of fossil in which wood has turned to stone.
6. Cast: A type of fossil that is formed when mud or minerals fill a mold and looks exactly like the plant or animal (think of the dried glue).
7. Fossil: The hardened remains of a living thing that died a long time ago.
8. Amber: An insect gets stuck in tree sap and the sap hardened