



## FOSSILS

Fossils are the remains of ancient life. There are many types of fossils. One type of fossil is called ancient remains. A good example is an ancient fly trapped inside an ancient stone.

Body fossils are another kind of fossil. Bones are body fossils. Where have you seen ancient bones? An ancient fish can also be a body fossil.

Trace fossils show us something about the life of an ancient animal or person. It doesn't show us any body parts. Dinosaur tracks are trace fossils.

The last kind of fossil is a chemofossil. Coal is a chemofossil.

Fossils are found in rock that builds up layer upon layer. It traps and preserves animals, plants and footprints within layers of sediment.

Fossils are found when the rocks that hold them are eroded. Special tools are used to remove the fossil from the rock. Some of the tools are as large as giant hammers and some are as small as toothbrushes and toothpicks.