

Fossils Questions

8. Number the boxes to show the order in which fossils are created. The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ It is squashed under more layers of sand and mud.
- ☐ Minerals and water seep into the bones and where the bones used to be.
- ☐ The layers of sand and mud turn into rock, and create a fossil.
- ☐ Their body sinks into the mud or sand.
- ☒ 1 A plant or animal dies.

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1. Which one is closest in meaning to the word **decay**. Tick **one**.

- ☐ fossil
- ☐ rot
- ☐ disappear
- ☐ die

2. Use the text to fill in the blanks:

Fossils are made when a dead animal or plant gets _____.

3. Explain in your own words why we have only known about dinosaurs for 200 years.

4. What does the Latin word '**fossilis**' mean?

5. What is the name of the place that is good for fossil hunting? Tick **one**.

- ☐ St Hilda
- ☐ Whitby
- ☐ Ammonites
- ☐ Sedimentary

6. What is the name of the spiral shaped fossil pictured in the text? Tick **one**.

- ☐ immonites
- ☐ ammonites
- ☐ Sue
- ☐ minerals

7. Why aren't there any fossils of cats that lived twenty years ago?
