# Studying FOSSILS



Scientists can learn a lot about the past by studying fossils. Fossils are the preserved remains of plants and animals. For preserved remains to be considered fossils, they have to be over 10,000 years old. Scientists called paleontologists, study fossils in order to try to learn about plants and animals that lived on the earth thousands of years ago. By studying dinosaur fossils, a scientist can make claims about how it looked, what it ate, and how it moved.

#### After reading the passage check off if the statement is true or false.

- 1. In order for remains to be considered a fossil, they must be 1,000 years old.
- True False
- 2. By studying fossils, scientists can make claims about what a dinosaur ate.
- True False
- 3. Scientists who study fossils are called paleontologists.

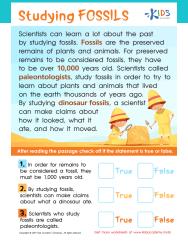


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