

## Vocabulary Worksheet

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To further our knowledge of fossils, let's work to understand the terms used in the lesson. Match each term below to the correct definition, then draw a picture to show your understanding of each term on the next page. Choose one word from the lesson today and add it to the list with a definition that you researched.



Paleontology

No longer existing, as an animal or plant species.



Fossil

An individual who studies fossil and tries to figure out how things were in ancient times by studying their remains in fossil traces.



Paleontologist

The scientific study of life in past geologic periods through examination of animal and plant fossils. It includes the study of fossils to classify organisms and study interactions with each other and their environments.



Extinct

The remains or trace of a living organism from an earlier geologic age, embedded in earth or rock.



Excavate

To remove earth carefully and systematically from an area in order to find buried remains.



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Look up the definition for the term you wrote and write it here:

Paleontology

Fossil

Paleontologist

Extinct

Excavate