

# TYPES OF FOSSILS

Fossils are the remains or traces of living things that lived long ago. They can tell us more about animals that lived in the past! There are 2 main types of fossils: Trace fossils and Body Fossils.

### Did you know?



Palaeontologists are people who study fossils.

Scan to find out more about a palaeontologist named Mary Anning.

## **Trace Fossils**

Trace fossils record what an animal was doing, such as walking. For example, studying a dinosaur's tracks of footprints can teach us about how it ran and how big each of its step was. It even hints at how big the dinosaur was!



The tracks of footprints above show how Theropod dinosaurs walk!

## **Body Fossils**

Body fossils record what a plant or an animal looks like and more! For example, a dinosaur's teeth tells us about the type of food they eat and how they chew their food.

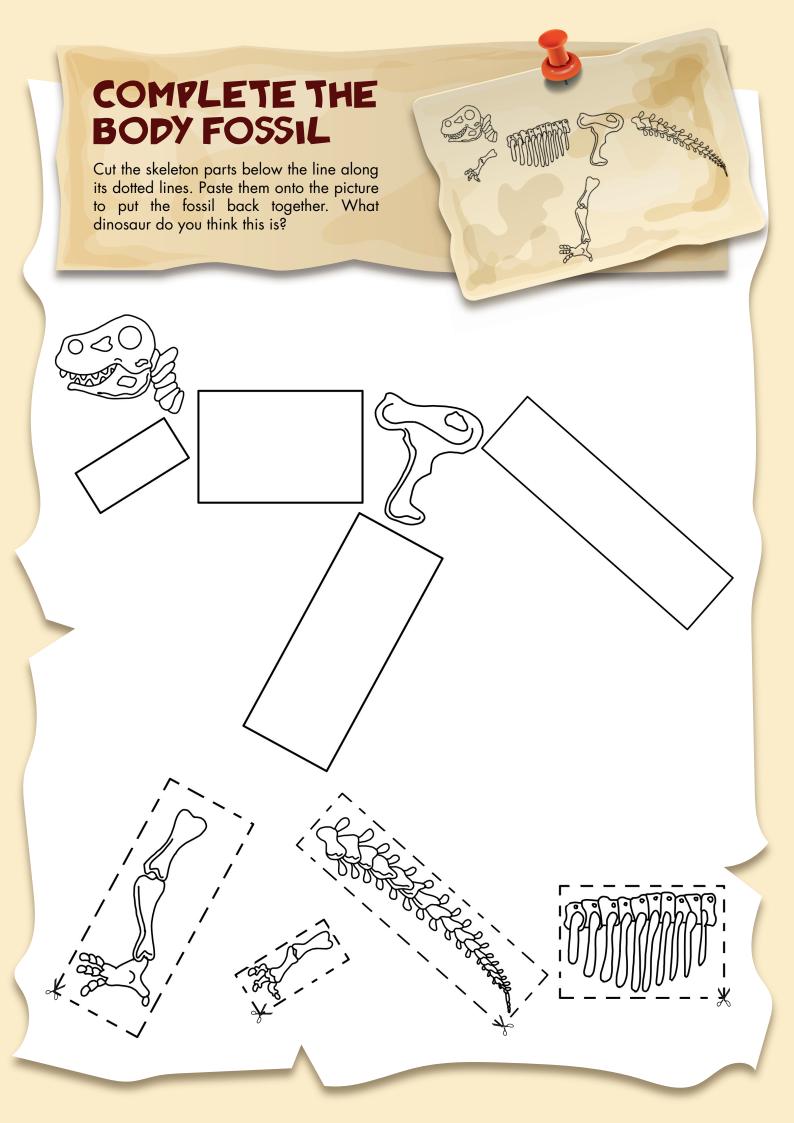


The dinosaur Allosaurus was a meat-eater. It had long and sharp teeth to tear its food apart.



The dinosaur Brachiosaurus was a plant-eater. It had spoon-shaped teeth to strip the leaves off a plant.

#### MAKE A GUESS Trace or body fossil? circle the right answer! TRACE BODY BODY FOSSIL TRACE FOSSIL FOSSIL FOSSIL Want to find out more Visit the Dino Pit about dinosaurs and at the Science the works of a Centre KidSTOP<sup>TM</sup>! palaeontologist?



# PARENT-CHILD BONDING ACTIVITY CREATE YOUR OWN FOSSIL

#### Ingredients you'll need:

- 1 cup coffee grounds
- 1/2 cup room temperature coffee (coffee that has been left to cool for a few hours)
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup salt

#### Apparatus you'll need:

- Mixing Bowl
- Wax/Baking paper
- Cookie cutter/butter knife
- Dinosaur toy/other small toys
- Toothpick

