



Vocabulary for Fossils: Evidence of Past Life guided program and the Fossils: Clues to the Past workshop

These are words that are commonly used in both the guided program and the workshop. Following the definition for most of the vocabulary words, we have included a sentence that incorporates the word.

Adapted - one of the basic phenomena of biology; the process whereby an organism becomes better suited to its habitat.

- Plants with smooth-edged leaves are better adapted to warmer climates.

Characteristics - Features that can be used to identify or distinguish between different things.

- The shape of the leaves is one characteristic used to identify a plant.

Classification - a way of arranging things into groups.

- The scientists used a classification that grouped fossils by whether they lived in water or on land.

Evidence - everything that is used to prove something.

- The class examined the evidence to determine what the organism ate.

Fossil - evidence of past life.

- Fossil leaves provide information about what the climate was like millions of years ago.

