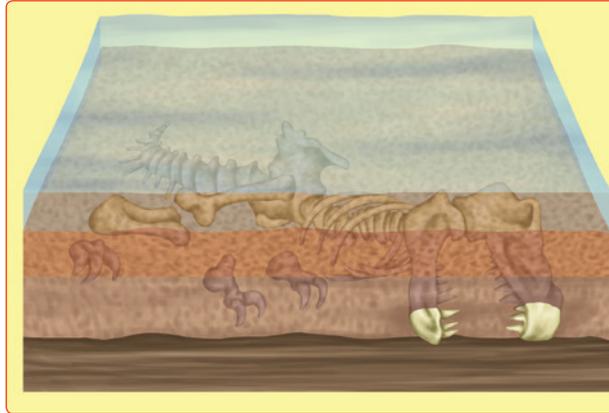


# How are fossils formed?

The dinosaur dies in a river.



The body is covered with sediment. The flesh decomposes. The dinosaur becomes a fossil.



The sediments become rock. The skeleton is pressed.



The Earth's movements raise the layers of the rocks to the surface.



The rock erodes, exposing the fossil.



This chart shows how fossils are formed when a living organism dies and is buried by the sediments.

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