

Vocabulary



cast fossil A fossil that formed when a space left by a decayed plant or animal filled with sediments that turned into solid rock.

A cast fossil is an exact copy of the organism that made the imprint.

fossil The remains or traces of dead plants or animals preserved in rock.

In a stack of many rock layers, the oldest fossils are found in the deepest layers.

mold fossil A fossil that formed when a plant or animal decayed, leaving a space shaped like itself in sand or mud that later turns to rock. All that is left is an impression of the organism.