Compare Fossils

Steps

1. **Observe** Look at each fossil. Draw what you see. Then use a hand lens to look at each fossil again. Add details to your drawings.

2. **Measure** Use a ruler. Measure the length of each fossil in centimeters. Add this data to your drawings.

3. **Classify** Sort the fossils into groups. The fossils in each group should be alike in two ways.

4. **Communicate** Talk about what living things the fossils look like.
Think and Share

1. How could you tell which fossils were animals and which ones were plants?

2. Infer What might a scientist learn by comparing fossil leaves to leaves of plants today?

Ask Questions

Make a list of questions about the fossils you have seen. Communicate with classmates about how to find answers.