**How Fossils Form**

**Conditions for Fossil Formation**

In order for a fossil to form, three conditions are necessary:

1. The plant or animal must die \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Organism is buried quickly, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
     
   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Surrounding sediments \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into rock.

From here, there are two types of preservation that can take place:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The organism’s material remains more-or-less intact, including:

- Hard parts (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

- Soft parts (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

This type of preservation is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

e.g. in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Jurassic park!)  
  
 in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Altered Preservation**

Usually occurs with just the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

There are three main types:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Replacement**

- hard part is burried.

- surrounding rock lithifies.

- water seeps through and slowly dissolves the hard part to   
   
 create a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

- minerals slowly fill the mold, replacing the original material   
 and creating a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Recrystallization**

- after burial and lithification, hard part DOES NOT dissolve.

- chemical structure of the part recrystallizes from one mineral into another.

- a special type is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

- organism (usually a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) gets buried and its carbon recrystallizes into a *thin film* of

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Per mineralization**

- occurs in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ material (wood, bone, etc.)

- after burial and lithification, water with dissolved minerals seeps into the pores.

- minerals \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of water, filling the pores,   
 creating a mix of original material and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Trace Fossils**

A third “type” of fossil is called a trace fossil.

Trace fossils are not made from organisms but from   
  
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

e.g. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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