

NAIPLAN - READING - MAIN IDEAS

Read the each of the following passages about rocks. From the three ideas, circle the one which you think is the *main idea*.

Igneous rocks are the oldest rocks. The name 'igneous' comes from a Latin word meaning fire. When the Earth was first formed between 4000 and 5000 million years ago, it was made of hot molten material. As the Earth began to cool, the material on the outside turned into solid rock. This was the only kind of rock that existed then. Over millions of years the molten surface of the Earth cooled down and other types of rocks were formed – sedimentary and metamorphic.

1. Over millions of years three types of rocks were formed: igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic.
2. The oldest types of rocks found on Earth are igneous rocks.
3. The name 'igneous' comes from a Latin word meaning fire.

Most of the rocks that we see around us today are not as old as igneous rocks. Many of these rocks are called sedimentary rocks. These have been gradually made over millions of years. The word sedimentary comes from a Latin word meaning 'to settle'. Sedimentary rocks have been made out of rock fragments of many different kinds that have settled on top of each other in layers. They gradually pressed down on each other until they became solid rock. Sometimes parts of dead animals and plants were buried in the rock fragments. The harder parts of the skeletons or stems became what we call fossils.

1. Fossil remains of plants and animals are found in sedimentary rocks.
2. Sedimentary rocks have been made out of rock fragments over millions of years.
3. Sedimentary rocks are very common today.

Fossils are frequently found in sedimentary rocks. Sometimes the shape of an animal or plant is found inside the rock. Sometimes the fossil is only marks on a stone. The word fossil comes from a Latin word meaning 'something dug up'. Most fossils come from plants and animals that lived in or near water. These plants and animals either had trunks, hard stems or hard skeletons. When they died the mud or sand covered them up. The fossil was formed as the sand or mud hardened into rock. Some fossils are copies in stone of the whole of the animal or plant. This took place when the minerals in the sand or mud replaced every part of the animal or plant.

1. Most fossils come from plants or animals that lived in or near the water.
2. Fossils may be marks in the rock or copies of the whole animal or plant.
3. Fossils are frequently found in the sedimentary rocks all over the world.

Year 9 Homework Sheet for Week 9

Name: _____

Critical Reading

Includes – Novels, non-fiction books, magazines, newspapers and as negotiated with teacher

Book: _____

Author: _____

In your own words, summarise your reading for this week.

Spelling		
a	b	c
terminal	expensive	susceptible
food	extend	weir
home-style	formwork	abdomen
health	location	amateur
hospital	lounge	apostrophe
bomb	materials	balustrade
keys	maximum	fascinate
automobile	minimum	immaculate
farming	restaurant	redemption
factory	shutters	parallelogram

Synonyms

Using a thesaurus or dictionary, find at least three words that have a similar meaning/description as the one in the box.

happy	elated	ecstatic	joyful
said			
unknown			
rain			

Common Curriculum Elements

CCE Number 11 is **Compiling Lists/statistics**. Your parents use this CCE every week when they write their grocery list. On a separate piece of paper you are to make a list of all the groceries that you would buy if you had the power over your shopping list. You can include prices and sizes of items if you wish.



Who is the target audience? How can you tell?

Would you recommend this reading to your friends? Why/why not?

Parent Comment & Signature: _____

Teacher Comment & Signature: _____