

Ecological relationships and classification

Lesson 11 - Mary Anning

Biology - Key Stage 3

Miss Lewis



The Story of Mary Anning

Put the stages in the right order:

Mary uncovers a strange 5.2-metre-long skeleton which was named Ichthyosaurus – meaning ‘fish lizard’.	
Her father boosted the family’s earnings by looking for fossils at the beach and selling them to holidaymakers.	
Mary and Joseph carried on fossil hunting to support the family.	
Mary died. Although she was well-known for her discoveries, Mary wasn’t taken seriously as a scientist in her lifetime because of her gender and poor background.	
Mary Anning was born in the seaside town of Lyme Regis, Dorset, UK.	
Mary made another important discovery – the first ever Plesiosaur skeleton!	



Task - Complete the Biography

Mary Anning was famous for...

Mary was born...

As a young child she used to...

When she was...

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Many years after her great discovery

Keywords:

Fossil hunter

Lyme Regis

'Curiosities'

Fossil-hunting

Ichthyosaurus

palaeontology



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