

PALEONTOLOGY PROCESSES

DEVELOPING A QUESTION THAT CAN BE INVESTIGATED

Picking a locality
Research
Reading about what people have already done
Getting permission
Planning and preparing

FINDING A FOSSIL

Defining your search method
Prospecting
Surveying and recording
Mapping
Identifying finds

EXCAVATING A FOSSIL

Investigating
Recording
Mapping
Wrapping, packing and transporting

CLEANING, REPAIRING AND CONSERVING

Opening jackets
Piecing together
Repairing
Sculpting

INTERPRETING AND RECONSTRUCTING

Studying and describing
Comparing with other fossils
Comparing with living animals
Incorporating clues from other fossils

COMMUNICATING

Describing and illustrating
Deciding what is important
Writing
Exhibiting

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