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## Can One Tiny Atom Help Us Unlock the Secrets of Earth's History?

### Short Answer Key

1. They decay or change into different atoms over time.
2. After 50,000 years, too little carbon-14 is left to measure.
3. Uranium and potassium.
4. It helped them find out the ages of rocks, fossils, and other materials.
5. So the results stay accurate and not mixed up or wrong.

