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How Do Scientists Compare Fossils To Figure Out Which Are Older?

Short Answer Key

1. By looking at how deep it is in the ground—deeper means older.
2. Because they lived in many places for a short time, so they help match rock layers.
3. They measure how much certain elements have changed over time.
4. Each layer is on top of the one before, showing what came first.
5. Scientists are like detectives, using clues to solve mysteries.

