

Mary Anning

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One day, a lady called _____, who was a fossil expert, saw Mary's fossils and was very interested in them. She showed Mary some fossils she had collected and gave her science _____ to read. The books taught Mary that _____ thought that the objects she had found were actually creatures that had lived a very long time ago.

Mary went on to become a celebrity fossil hunter and lots of people came to Lyme Regis to buy from her. She is especially famous for finding the first complete _____ fossil.

_____ died when she was 47 and is remembered as one of the first female palaeontologists.



Lyme Regis	Elizabeth Philpot	ichthyosaurus	fossils
scientists	Joseph	books	Mary

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