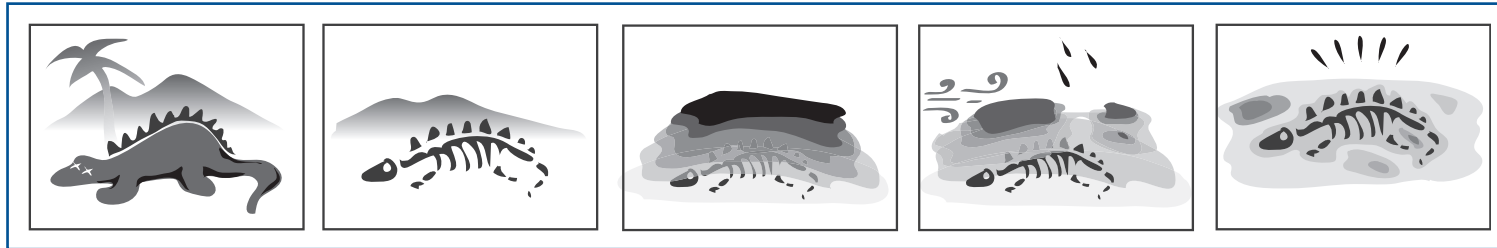


Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2



Text Structure - Explanation

Statement of Phenomenon

Explanation sequence - series of events

The Formation of Fossils

1. The animal dies.
2. The flesh of the animal decays, leaving the bones to be buried and fossilised.
3. Sediments cover the skeleton and accumulate over millions of years. This buries the skeleton deeply.
4. Erosion removes the rock layers that cover the fossil skeleton.
5. The fossil skeleton is exposed at the surface and is discovered.

Language Features

Use of a variety of action verbs to build topic information, e.g. decays, buried, fossilised

Use of passive voice e.g. is exposed, is discovered (generalises agency)

Use of adverbial phrases e.g. at the surface, over millions of years

Use of adverbs e.g. deeply

Use of numbering system to sequence events and match to visual text