

Mary Anning

Mary Anning was born on 21st May 1799.

She died on 9th March 1847.

Mary Anning is a significant individual because she was one of the first people to find fossils of prehistoric animals. She was a fossil hunter.



A fossil is a special rock that holds the remains of creatures that lived millions of years ago. They are formed over millions of years.

Mary lived in Lyme Regis by the sea. She would walk down by sea each day and pick up lots of fossils.

Mary found the first complete fossil of an Ichthyosaurus or 'fish lizard'.

She found lots of other huge fossils which were displayed in the Natural History Museum in London.

Mary is one of the most famous fossil hunters in the world.

