Rocks and soils

1) Troy and Cooper discuss which of the rocks in their rock collection they think are the hardest. They decide to carry out the scratch test.



This table shows their results:

| Rock | Was scratched by | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------------------|------|------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| | fingernail | nail | matchstick | plastic knife | | | | |
| Coal | No | Yes | No | Yes | | | | |
| Limestone | No | Yes | No | No | | | | |
| Granite | No | No | No | No | | | | |
| Chalk | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | | | | |

| a) | Which rock could Troy's fingernail scratch? | | | | | | | | |
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| b) | Which rock was the hardest? How do you know? | | | | | | | | |
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| c) | Use the table to answer the following question. Write the name of each rock in the boxes below. Place them in order from softest to hardest. | | | | | | | | |
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| | Softest Rock Hardest Rock | | | | | | | | |
| 2) | Write down two things that hard rocks could be used for: | | | | | | | | |
| _ | and | | | | | | | | |

- 3. Mary Anning was an expert fossil hunter, what is the correct word for her job studying fossils?
- 4. What is the only type of rock where you can find fossils?
- 5. Brick is not a natural rock, what type of rock is it?
 - 6. Here are the steps of how a fossil is formed, but they are in the wrong order:
 Put the numbers 1, 2,3,4,5 in the boxes next to them to show the correct

| order. | | |
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| Part of the Process | | Number |
| Over thousands of years the mould fossil might become a cast fossil with sediment entering the mould. Or it could become a replacement fossil. | | |
| As erosion and weathering takes place, eventually the fossils become exposed. | | |
| An animal dies and ends up in the sea. It gets covered by a layer of rock. | | |
| Over a long period of time the sea will recede in certain places. | A DOME | |
| Over time, more layers of rock cover it and by this time the only thing that remains is the bones. | | |

| 7. | There | are | three | types | of | natural | rock. | Join | up | each | rock | to | the | correct | rock t | ype: |
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Rock Rock Type

Sandstone Igneous

Marble Sedimentary

Granite Metamorphic

8.



Rock____Natural or artificial_____

Job____
Why selected____



Rock_____Natural or artificial_____
Job _____
Why selected____



Rock_____Natural or artificial_____
Job ____
Why selected____



Rock_____Natural or artificial_____
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