

Competition 1: The fossil record

Palaeontologists believe that only about 1% of all the animals that ever lived have been found as fossils. How do they come up with this figure? Think about reasons why finding a fossil of a particular ancient species is so unlikely. You can also use the further reading suggestions in Dr Kemp's article to help you develop your answer. Your answer should be 500 words or less.

How to enter

1. Complete your competition entry and make sure it follows the guidelines listed below
2. Fill out the [Competition Cover Sheet](#)
3. Email your entry and your cover sheet to us at inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk

Terms & Conditions

1. You must complete the [Competition Cover Sheet](#) and submit it along with your entry to inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk before the closing date. If we do not receive a completed cover sheet with your entry, we will NOT be able to consider the entry.
2. The competition closes at **5pm on 1 February 2021**.
3. The work you submit must be entirely your own, and should be 500 words or less.
4. Competition entries from pupils in Year 10 will be evaluated separately from pupils in Year 11.
5. Competition winners will be contacted via email about two weeks after the competition's closing date. Two sets of the following prizes will be awarded:
 - a. 1st place: £20 Amazon gift voucher, entry listed on Inspire Digital
 - b. 2nd place: £10 Amazon gift voucher, entry listed on Inspire Digital
 - c. Up to 5 top entries: entry listed on Inspire Digital