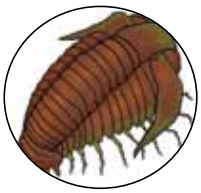
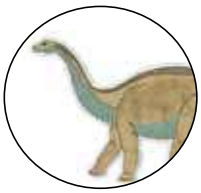
Road to Fossilization (#1)

It takes a lot of luck and good timing to become a fossil. Big creatures with hard parts (bones and shells) that die where sediment is collecting have the best chance at preservation. Fragile or small things are rarer fossils.

Follow the Road to Fossilization and discover more about how fossils form.

To Play: Use something small like a dime or small candy as your game piece and place it on start.

With a partner, take turns flipping a coin to move your game piece: heads you move two spaces, tails you move three spaces.

Follow the instructions on the purple spaces along the way. The first player to discover the fossil wins!

Fossils are rare and cannot be replaced. It is exciting to find one, but important to protect it and keep it in place.

If you find a fossil in a national park, leave the fossil where it is and share your discovery with a park ranger.

Remains of the organism are turned slowly to stone over time.

MOVE AHEAD 1 SPACE

Erosion of rocks exposes fossils, but bones are damaged.

MOVE BACK 1 SPACE

Paleontologist makes a bad map of the fossil site.

MOVE BACK 3 SPACES

Paleontologists are very important in national parks. They help the National Park Service protect fossils by finding them and teaching visitors to protect them.

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