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- tail
- head
- back

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- no longer alive
- from the sea
- fossil

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: Mary Anning was an important fossil collector who found the first ichthyosaur along the Jurassic Coast.**

1. Draw four lines and match each word or phrase with the correct explanation.

Elizabeth Philpot

the items that Mary and her family collected

curiosities

the town where Mary was born

Lyme Regis

Mary's friend who was a fossil collector

Ichthyosaur

the marine mammal that Mary and her brother found on the beach

2. Who gave the Jurassic Coast World Heritage status? Tick one.

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Mary and her brother discovered a mysterious creature poking out from a rock.

Mary would spend hours on the beach with her father hunting for fossils in the rocks.

Mary went on to make many more remarkable discoveries.

4. Today has been an extraordinary day!

Which word means the same as 'extraordinary'? Tick one.

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- boring
- remarkable
- fossils

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6. How old was Mary's ichthyosaur?

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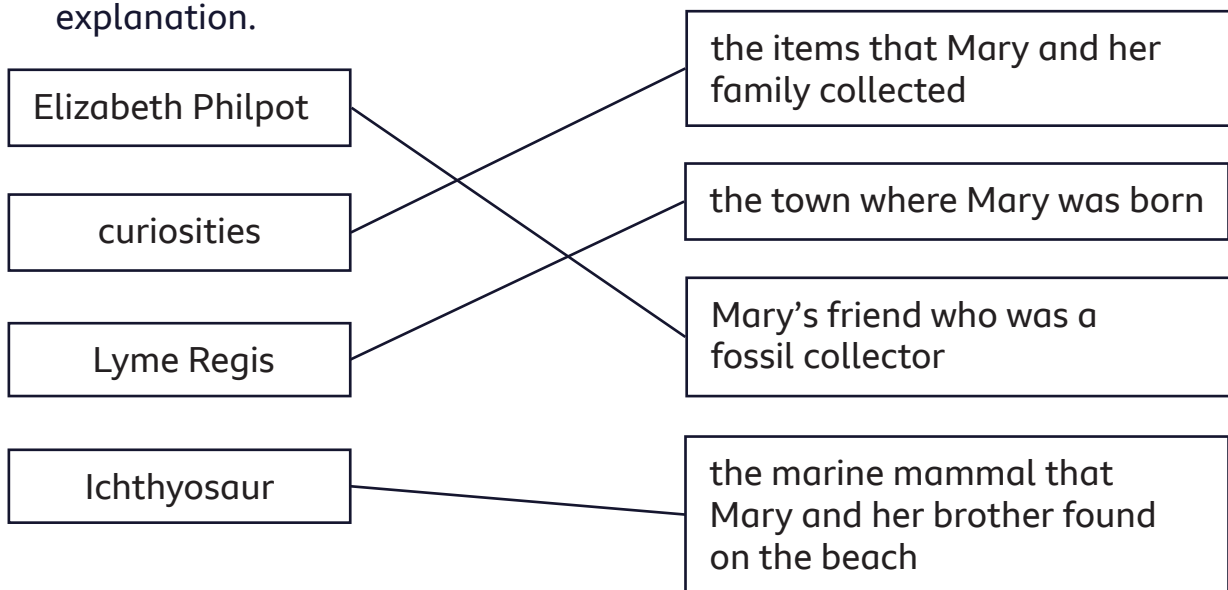
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Mary's ichthyosaur dated back around 195 million years.

7. Why do you think that an important man of science travelled all the way from London to see Mary's fossil?

Pupils' own responses, such as: He would have travelled all the way from London because he would have been very keen to see Mary's fossil because he knew it would be important to science.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: Mary's discoveries are on display at the Natural History Museum so that they can be kept safe and left for people to look at and learn about.



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**It was awarded UNESCO World Heritage status in 2001.**

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**Ichthyosaur means 'fish lizard' in Greek.**

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: Mary's discoveries were important because they taught us more about the natural history of the Earth, including that it was millions of years old.**