

Mary Anning's Diary

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99 with my dog, Tray. I cannot wait to see what I
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Quick Questions



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Answers



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2. What do you think Mary and Joe did with the fossil?
- Accept any sensible prediction linked to the text, e.g. They sold the fossil to a museum to make lots of money.**



3. Why might Mary be excited to find more fossils?
- Accept any sensible reason linked to the text, e.g. She is excited to find more fossils so that she can learn more about dinosaurs.**



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- Tray**