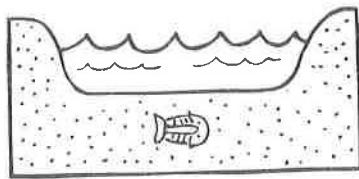


**READ THE PASSAGE** Be aware of the most important information.

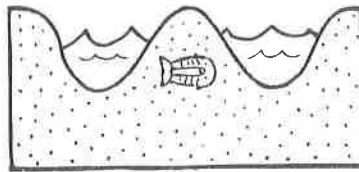
### Pushed to the Top

**Fossils** are the hardened remains of plants or animals that lived long ago. Fossils are found buried in rock. The fossils of some ocean animals that lived millions of years ago have been found on mountains! How did they get there?

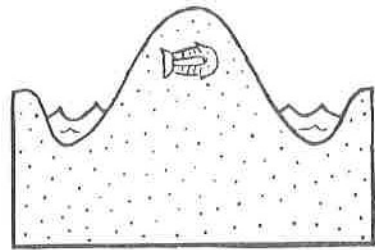
Earth's **crust**, or surface, is always moving. This movement builds mountains. As large pieces of the crust move, they sometimes **collide**, or run into each other. When this happens, rock layers push together and move up. Sometimes, the layers are pushed up all the way from the ocean floor. If those rock layers contained fossils, the fossils moved up with the rocks.



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**SKILL PRACTICE** Read the item. Write your response.

1. How do the illustrations support the text?

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2. Why are the illustrations numbered?

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3. Why did the author put some of the words in the text in boldface?

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**STRATEGY PRACTICE** Underline the words or phrases in the passage that helped you understand what the vocabulary words mean.