

**Section A: Comparing Rocks**

1. e.g. sandstone or chalk
2. Because marble is much harder and more durable, so it lasts longer outdoors
3. e.g. scratch one rock with the other and see which one scratches the other
4. Fossils show what plants and animals existed long ago, and how life has changed over time
5. Accept any reasonable explanation, e.g. differences in how they were formed or worn down

**Section B: Soil Formation**

1. Accept any reasonable explanation of weathering and erosion breaking rock into smaller pieces over a very long time
2. Because sand has larger particles with bigger gaps for water to pass through
3. Roots can break up soil and add nutrients as old roots decay
4. Accept any two reasonable answers, e.g. supporting wildlife habitats, absorbing rainwater to prevent flooding
5. It would likely become less fertile and more prone to erosion, since plants help hold soil together