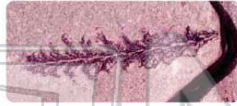




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True or false?

- A true
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B archaeologist
C microbiologist
D paleontologist



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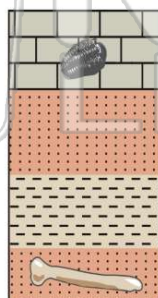
of England.

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9 In this rock sequence, a reptile fossil is **below** the trilobite fossil **even though reptiles, such as dinosaurs, are younger** than trilobites. Is it a **reasonable** geological explanation to **infer** that this rock sequence has been turned upside down by **dramatic forces** such as an earthquake or some manmade disturbance?
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ANSWER KEY

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True or false?

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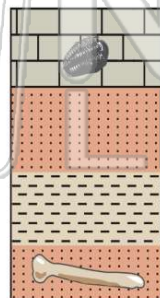
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