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- A cast
- B mold
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- A the tip of the trilobite
- B eyes; they're similar in size, shape, and placement of eyes in modern shellfish
- C ears; they stick out
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- A metamorphic rocks are harder than sedimentary rocks
- B sedimentary rocks are older than metamorphic rocks
- C no organism can survive in a metamorphic environment
- D the heat and pressure of metamorphism physically changes rock



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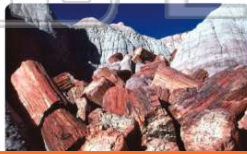


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