

# ‘My Hero is... Mary Anning’ – Listening Comprehension

## Exercise 1: Questions / Responses

1. What did Mary Anning discover in 1811?  
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2. Where did she find it?  
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3. How old was she when she made this discovery?  
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4. Why wasn't she able to fully participate in the scientific community?  
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5. What kind of risks did she take while searching for fossils?  
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6. What was her contribution to paleontology?  
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7. What happened to her dog?  
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## Exercise 2: True or False?

1. Until 1811, people thought animals could not die out.	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
2. Mary Anning had some formal scientific training.	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
3. She was killed in a landslide while fossil hunting.	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
4. She wrote several famous books about fossils.	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>
5. Charles Dickens believed she had earned recognition.	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>

## Exercise 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Mary Anning made her first important \_\_\_\_\_ at a very young age, when she found an ichthyosaur \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Until then, people had thought it was impossible for an animal to become \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Because she lacked money for a proper \_\_\_\_\_, she could not join the scientific \_\_\_\_\_ of her time.
4. She continued to read scientific \_\_\_\_\_ to learn more about fossils.
5. Although she never published famous books, her contribution to \_\_\_\_\_ was considered \_\_\_\_\_.
6. After her death, Charles Dickens wrote that “the \_\_\_\_\_’s daughter has won a name for herself.”

### Exercise 4: Inference Check

1. What does Mary Anning’s story show us about women’s opportunities in science in the 19th century?  
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2. Why do you think she continued searching for fossils even though she wasn’t fully accepted as a scientist?  
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3. What can we guess about her character from the fact that she risked her life climbing cliffs?  
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4. Why is it significant that Charles Dickens praised her after her death?  
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### Exercise 5: Extension:

1. **If You Could Ask...:** Imagine you could ask Mary Anning one question. What would it be? What answer do you think she would give?  
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2. **Build a hero timeline:** Create a simple timeline of Mary Anning’s life with at least 5 events.

