

# taphonomy

## Definition

n. 1 the circumstances and processes of fossilization; 2 the study of the processes affecting an organism after death that result in its fossilization

## Example Sentence

Russian scientist Ivan Efremov introduced the word **taphonomy** to paleontology.

## Synonyms

study of fossilization; process of fossilization; study of decaying organisms

## Antonyms

study of living organisms

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