

# taphonomy

## Definition

n. the study of how organisms decay and become fossilized.

## Example Sentence

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

## More Example Sentences

Scientists study **taphonomy** to learn about fossils.

## Synonyms

fossilization study; decay science; burial analysis

## Antonyms

study of living organisms

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