Mary Anning's Diary

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Quick Questions

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Answers

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2. What do you think Mary and Joe did with the fossil?

Accept any sensible prediction linked to the text, e.g. They sold the fossil to a museum to make lots of money.

3. Why might Mary be excited to find more fossils?

Accept any sensible reason linked to the text, e.g. She is excited to find more fossils so that she can learn more about dinosaurs.

4. What was Mary's dog called?

Tray