

Lesson 14: The Cambrian Explosion

Because / But / So

Complete each sentence using the connector word shown.

The Cambrian Explosion happened about 541 million years ago **because**

The Cambrian Explosion happened about 541 million years ago, **but**

The Cambrian Explosion happened about 541 million years ago, **so**

Subordinating Conjunctions

Complete each sentence using the conjunction shown.

Animals with hard shells survived predators more successfully **because**

_____.

When _____, other animals were under pressure to develop better defenses.

Although _____, it still took millions of years to unfold.

Think and Write

1. Why is the Cambrian Explosion so important to us today? Connect it to animals that are alive right now, including humans.