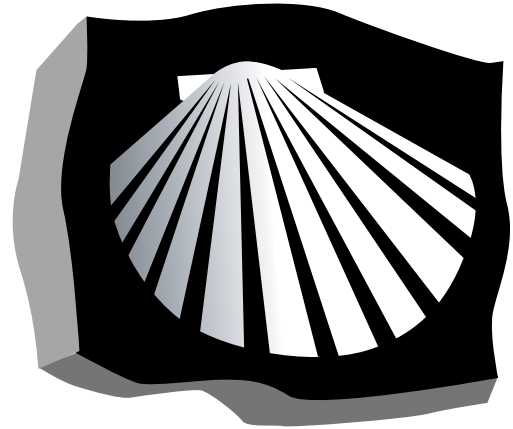


Mountaintop Fossil

The Esposito family went hiking on a tall mountain. Mrs. Esposito picked up a shell fossil on the top of the mountain. The fossil was once a shelled organism that lived in the ocean. The family had different ideas about how the fossil ended up there. This is what they thought:



Mrs. Esposito: A bird picked up the organism and dropped the shell as it flew over the mountain.

Mr. Esposito: Water, ice, or wind eventually carried the fossil to the top of the mountain.

Rosa: A mountain formed in an area that was once covered by ocean.

Sofia: The fossil flowed out of a volcano that rose up from the ocean floor.

Whose idea do you most agree with and why? Describe your ideas about how a fossil could end up on the top of a tall mountain.
