

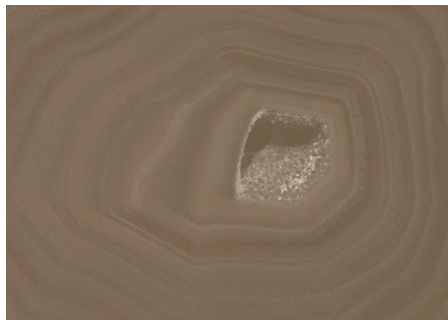
Over 300 million years ago the area now known as the Black Mountain was once a shallow tropical ocean floor next to the equator



When sea creatures died they sank to the bottom of the shallow tropical sea



Sea creatures became covered in sediments which moved when the tectonic plates shifted. Over time the sediment hardened.



Millions of years later the hardened rock made up of many sea creatures became a calcium carbonate rock known as limestone.



Within the limestone fossilised remains of millions of sea creatures can be found.



During the last three centuries the area has been quarried by farmers burning the limestone to create lime to help neutralise their acidic soil.

