

Era	Periods/Description	Examples of Living Things
Pre-Cambrian (no periods)	Began with the formation of the Earth 4.6 billion years ago.	N/A - Bacteria - Fungi - Algae

Paleozoic  
(6 periods)

- Cambrian period - sponges · snails · worms
- Ordovician period - Fish
- Silurian period - Land plants / ~~fish~~ / spiders / Birds
- Devonian Period - Amphibians
- Carboniferous period - Tropical forests / Reptiles
- Permian period - more reptiles

Mesozoic  
(3 periods)

- Triassic period - Turtles  
Dinosaurs
- Jurassic period - Large Dinosaurs  
Birds  
mammals
- Cretaceous period - lots of mammals

Crocodiles

Cenozoic  
(2 periods)

• Tertiary period - Primates

• Quaternary period - Humans