

# How Coal is Formed

Cut out the boxes and put them in the right order to show how coal was formed.



## The swamp, 300 million years ago

The layers were tightly pressed together by the weight of all the layers

Layers of sand formed on top of the mud and dead plants

When they died, the plants in the swampy forests fell into the swamp water

The habitat 300 million years ago was huge forest on swampy ground

Layers of mud collect on the dead plants, forming layers of dead plants and mud

After MILLIONS of years the dead plants become coal, the mud becomes mudstone, and the sand becomes sandstone