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The chronostratigraphy of the chalk Group

*data from Gradstein & Ogg (1996)

Lithostratigraphy	Period	Age/Stage	Date* (millions of years before present)	Duration* (millions of years)
			← 61	
	PALEOGENE	Danian	← 65+/-0.1	4
		Maastrichtian	← 71.3+/-0.5	6.3
		Campanian	← 83.5+/-0.5	12.2
CHALK GROUP	LATE CRETACEOUS	Santonian	← 85.8+/-0.5	2.3
		Coniacian	← 89+/-0.5	3.2
		Turonian	← 93.5+/-0.2	4.5
		Cenomanian	← 98.9+/-0.6	5.4

The onshore Chalk Group succession in the UK belongs to the Late Cretaceous Period, and represents the Cenomanian, Turonian, Coniacian, Santonian, Campanian and Maastrichtian Ages. In the North Sea, the youngest part of the Chalk Group (Ekofisk Formation) belongs to the basal Paleogene Period (Danian Age). The rock intervals corresponding to each of the above Ages are termed Stages, and they bear the same names as the Ages (e.g. Cenomanian Stage etc.).

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