

Stone Age Explorers with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the key periods and lifestyles of the Stone Age, including the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic eras.

Read the front of the card and try to recall the answer. Flip the card to check if you are right! Ellie the Elephant has helped put these facts together to help you remember your history.

What does the term 'Palaeolithic' mean?

Old Stone Age, the earliest part of the Stone Age when humans first started using simple stone tools.

How did people in the Mesolithic period get their food?

They were hunter-gatherers, meaning they hunted wild animals and gathered nuts, berries, and plants to eat.

What important natural material did Stone Age people use to make sharp tools and arrowheads?

Flint, a hard, grey rock that breaks with sharp edges.

Which period saw the invention of farming and the first permanent homes?

The Neolithic period, also known as the New Stone Age.

What is the name of the famous Neolithic village in Scotland that was uncovered by a storm?

Skara Brae.

Why did Stone Age people move from place to place during the Palaeolithic era?

They were nomadic, meaning they followed herds of animals and seasonal plants to find food.

What is a 'settlement'?

A place where a group of people build homes and live together for a long time instead of moving around.

What major change happened during the Neolithic Revolution?

Humans stopped being just hunter-gatherers and began to farm the land and keep animals.

What did Stone Age people use animal skins for?

They used them to make warm clothes, shoes, and coverings for their shelters.

Why were caves important to early Stone Age people?

They provided natural shelter from the weather and protection from wild animals.

What did Stone Age people use to create cave paintings?

They used natural materials like crushed minerals, charcoal, and animal fat to make paint.

What is an archaeologist?

A person who studies history by digging up and examining objects left behind by people from the past.