

Life in Roman Britain with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand how Roman life influenced Britain, including the importance of roads, trade, and daily routines.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of the Roman period to write your answers. Ellie the elephant is ready to help you remember the historical facts!

Ellie the elephant has been busy reading her history scrolls! She has learned that when the Romans arrived in Britain, they changed the way people lived by building straight roads, grand towns, and advanced water systems. Roman citizens enjoyed visiting public places to socialise, while soldiers protected the borders. Trade used coins as currency, and families often decorated their homes with beautiful stone floor patterns.

Word bank: aqueduct · centurion · mosaic · toga · villa · currency · fort · bathhouse

1. The Romans were famous for building straight, durable roads. Why were these roads so important for the Roman army? (2 marks)

2. If you were a Roman shopkeeper in Britain, you would use coins to trade. If a loaf of bread cost £0.50 and you had a £2.00 coin, how much change would you give your customer? (1 mark)

3. Describe two features of a Roman town that made life more comfortable for the people living there. (2 marks)

4. Look at the word bank. Which word describes the colourful floor patterns made of small pieces of tile or stone that Romans used to decorate their villas? (1 mark)

5. Why do you think the Romans built their forts in strategic locations, such as near rivers or on high hills? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a Roman-style mosaic floor pattern inside a square. Use geometric shapes like triangles and squares to create a repeating pattern, just like a Roman artist would have done.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Roman engineer. Write a short paragraph explaining one invention you would bring to Britain to help the local people live a better life.