

Iron Age Explorers with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and understand key features of life in Britain during the Iron Age.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of the Iron Age. Read the question on the front, think of the answer, and then check the back!

What type of metal, which gives the period its name, became popular for making tools and weapons?	What was the name of the circular homes built by people during the Iron Age?
Iron	Roundhouse
What were the large, protected settlements built on high ground called?	Which group of people were the main inhabitants of Britain during the Iron Age?
Hillforts	The Celts
What was the main material used to make the walls of an Iron Age roundhouse?	Why did Iron Age people build hillforts on top of high hills?
Wattle and daub (woven sticks covered in mud or clay)	For protection and to have a good view of the surrounding land to spot enemies
What is the process of heating iron ore to extract the metal called?	What did Iron Age people use for money before they started using coins?
Smelting	Iron bars (sometimes called 'currency bars')
What were the main jobs people did to get food in the Iron Age?	What did Iron Age people use to thatch the roofs of their roundhouses?
Farming, hunting, and gathering	Straw, reeds, or heather
Did Iron Age people have a written language?	Ellie the Elephant wants to know: what was the main reason for trade between different tribes?
No, they shared stories and history through speaking (oral tradition)	To exchange goods like salt, metal, or cattle that they could not produce themselves