

Ellie's Stone Age Expedition

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about the Stone Age, including the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic periods.

Join Ellie the elephant on her journey through time! Read the questions carefully and use your historical knowledge to answer them. Good luck, explorers!

Answer Key: 1. A (Palaeolithic), 2. False, 3. Flint, 4. C (Farming), 5. True, 6. Nomadic, 7. C (Cave paintings), 8. True, 9. Neolithic, 10. B (Stone tools). Ellie reminds you that the Stone Age is split into three parts: Palaeolithic (Old), Mesolithic (Middle), and Neolithic (New).

Word bank: Palaeolithic · Neolithic · Hunter-gatherer · Flint · Settlement · Agriculture · Nomadic · Monolith

1. 1. Which period is known as the 'Old Stone Age'? A) Palaeolithic*, B) Neolithic, C) Iron Age, D) Bronze Age (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: People in the early Stone Age lived in large, modern brick houses. (1 mark)

3. 3. What sharp, hard rock was commonly used to make tools and weapons? (1 mark)

4. 4. What major change happened in the Neolithic period? A) Discovery of plastic, B) Building of skyscrapers, C) The start of farming*, D) Invention of cars (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Cave paintings were often used to record stories or hunting scenes. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the word for people who moved from place to place, rather than staying in one home? (1 mark)

7. 7. Where were many early pieces of art found? A) On computer screens, B) In books, C) On cave walls*, D) On coins (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: People in the Stone Age made clothes from animal skins. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which period saw the first permanent settlements being built? (1 mark)

10. 10. What was the primary material used for tools? A) Plastic, B) Stone*, C) Rubber, D) Steel (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a Neolithic settlement. Include a round house, a fire, and one tool made from stone.



Extension challenge: 1. Compare and contrast the lives of a Palaeolithic hunter-gatherer and a Neolithic farmer. Why did their diets change? 2. Explain why the discovery of fire was arguably the most important advancement in human history. 3. Justify your answer: Was the Neolithic Revolution a positive change for humanity? 4. What might happen if Stone Age people had never learned to domesticate animals? 5. Imagine you are an archaeologist; what three items would you hope to find in a dig to tell you about how these people lived? 6. Research the site of Skara Brae and explain why its discovery was so significant for our understanding of the Neolithic period.