

Stone Age Explorer Flashcards with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall key facts and vocabulary related to the Stone Age periods: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of the Stone Age. Read the question on the front, try to answer it, then flip to check if you are correct!

What does it mean to be a 'nomadic' person?

A nomadic person does not live in one permanent place but moves from place to place to find food and resources.

What are the three main periods of the Stone Age?

The Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age), the Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age), and the Neolithic (New Stone Age).

What is a 'hunter-gatherer'?

A person who survives by hunting wild animals and gathering wild plants, nuts, and berries instead of farming.

Which hard, sharp rock was commonly used by Stone Age people to make tools and weapons?

Flint.

What major change occurred during the Neolithic period that allowed people to settle in one place?

The invention of farming (agriculture) and the domestication of animals.

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

Skara Brae.

How did Stone Age people create fire before they had matches?

By striking flint against iron pyrites to create sparks, or by rubbing sticks together to create friction.

What is a 'megalith'?

A very large stone used to build prehistoric structures or monuments, such as Stonehenge.

Why did people in the Palaeolithic period often live in caves?

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

What were the main materials used to make Neolithic clothing?

Animal skins (hides) and woven plant fibres like flax or wool from domesticated sheep.

Ellie the Elephant wonders: How do we know about the Stone Age if they didn't have written records?

By studying archaeological evidence like stone tools, cave paintings, burial sites, and remains of dwellings.

What was the purpose of a 'quern stone' in the Neolithic period?

It was used to grind cereal grains into flour for making bread.