

Iron Age Adventures with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about life in Britain during the Iron Age, including hillforts, farming, and daily life.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a trip back in time! Read the questions carefully and select the best answer or provide the correct term. Remember, Ellie has a great memory, so try your best to remember your history lessons!

Answer Key: 1. C (Iron), 2. False, 3. True, 4. Roundhouse, 5. B (Hillforts), 6. True, 7. A (Spindle whorl), 8. False, 9. Trade, 10. False. Ellie's Social Studies / History Tip: Iron Age people were highly skilled craftspeople who used iron to make stronger tools than those made of bronze.

Word bank: Hillfort · Roundhouse · Iron · Celts · Trade · Agriculture · Weaving · Pottery

**1. 1. What material replaced bronze for making stronger tools and weapons in the Iron Age?
A) Gold, B) Plastic, C) Iron*, D) Tin (1 mark)**

2. 2. True or False: Iron Age people lived in tall, square stone skyscrapers. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Hillforts were built on high ground to help people defend their settlements. (1 mark)

4. 4. What was the name of the typical circular home with a thatched roof used during this period? (1 mark)

5. 5. Which of these was a common feature of Iron Age settlements? A) Motorways, B) Hillforts*, C) Skyscrapers, D) Underground tunnels (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Iron Age farmers grew crops like wheat and barley. (1 mark)

7. 7. Which tool was used to spin wool into thread? A) Spindle whorl*, B) Iron sword, C) Metal coin, D) Stone hammer (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Iron Age people did not have any form of art or jewellery. (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the word for exchanging goods like salt or iron for other items, rather than using money? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The Iron Age came before the Bronze Age. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a cross-section of an Iron Age roundhouse. Show the central fire pit, the thatched roof, and how the walls were made of wattle and daub.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an Iron Age trader. Write a short diary entry (50 words) describing one item you are taking to the market to trade and what you hope to receive in return.