

Life in the Iron Age with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand how people lived during the Iron Age in Britain.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you complete your sentences. Ellie the Elephant is here to help you remember the facts!

Ellie the Elephant loves history! In the Iron Age, people in Britain lived in round houses made of wood and straw. They used a strong metal called iron to make tools and weapons. They lived in villages on top of hills to stay safe. These villages were called hillforts. People worked hard at farming to grow food for their families.

Word bank: Hillfort · Iron · Roundhouse · Farming · Weapons

1. What type of metal did people discover and use to make their tools and weapons? (2 marks)

2. What was the name of the special home built in the Iron Age? (Hint: It was not square!) (2 marks)

3. Why did people in the Iron Age build their villages on top of hills? (2 marks)

4. What was the main job people did to make sure they had enough food to eat? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw an Iron Age hillfort. Remember to include a roundhouse in the middle and a fence around the edge to keep the village safe.



Extension challenge: Imagine you live in an Iron Age village. Write one sentence about what you would have for your dinner.