

Life in the Stone Age with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand how people lived during the Stone Age by retrieving and inferring information from a historical text.

Read the story below carefully. Look at the word bank if you get stuck. Answer the questions in the boxes provided. Use the sentence starters to help you.

Ellie the Elephant travelled back in time to the Stone Age. She met a group of people living near a river. These people were hunter-gatherers. They did not have shops, so they searched for berries, nuts, and roots to eat. They also hunted wild animals for food and used their skins to keep warm. Because they moved around to find food, they were called nomads. They did not live in houses made of bricks. Instead, they built simple shelters using wood and animal skins to protect themselves from the cold wind. The people were very clever with their hands. They used a hard, sharp rock called flint to make tools. They used these tools to scrape skins, cut meat, and chop wood. Ellie watched them work together to make a fire. The fire kept them safe at night and helped them cook their food. Life was hard work, but the people were very skilled at using what nature gave them to survive.

Word bank: Stone Age · Hunter-gatherer · Flint · Shelter · Tools · Nomad

1. What does the word 'hunter-gatherer' mean? (Use the text to help you). (2 marks)

2. What material did the people use to make their tools? (2 marks)

3. Why did the people move from place to place? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the people needed to make a fire? (2 marks)

5. Do you think life in the Stone Age was easy or difficult? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Stone Age shelter and a fire, just like the ones Ellie the Elephant saw.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are living in the Stone Age. Write three things you would need to collect to survive the day.