

# Stone Age Explorer’s Vocabulary Mat

Learning objective: To develop a sophisticated understanding of key terminology relating to the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic periods of the Stone Age.

## Key Vocabulary

Use this vocabulary mat to support your historical enquiry. The terms are categorized by 'Daily Life', 'Tools and Technology', and 'The Changing Landscape'.

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| <b>Palaeolithic</b> The earliest period of the Stone... | <b>Mesolithic</b> The Middle Stone Age, a time of t...   | <b>Neolithic</b> The New Stone Age, when human...        |
| <b>Hunter-gatherer</b> People who survived by hu...     | <b>Nomadic</b> A lifestyle where people move from...     | <b>Settlement</b> A permanent place where a co...        |
| <b>Agriculture</b> The practice of farming, includin... | <b>Flint</b> A hard, grey rock that could be chipped ... | <b>Microlith</b> A tiny, sharp stone tool often attac... |
| <b>Excavation</b> The careful process of digging u...   | <b>Artefact</b> An object made or modified by hum...     | <b>Monolith</b> A single, large standing stone, ofte...  |
| <b>Domestication</b> The process of taming wild ...     | <b>Bronze Age</b> The historical period following t...   | <b>Prehistory</b> The vast period of time before wri...  |
| <b>Explain why the t...</b>                             | <b>Compare and con...</b>                                | <b>Justify your ans...</b> Was the invention of agr...   |
| <b>What might happ...</b>                               | <b>How do historian...</b>                               | <b>If you were an ar...</b>                              |