

Stone Age Explorer Quiz with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about the chronological periods of the Stone Age (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic) and understand how early humans lived.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey back in time! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Remember to use your incredible memory to recall what you have learnt about our ancestors.

Answer Key: 1. A (Palaeolithic); 2. True; 3. Flint; 4. B (Neolithic); 5. False (They were hunter-gatherers); 6. Skara Brae; 7. C (Farming); 8. True; 9. Neolithic; 10. B (Stone).

Word bank: Palaeolithic · Mesolithic · Neolithic · Skara Brae · Hunter-gatherer · Flint · Agriculture · Settlement

1. 1. Which period is known as the 'Old Stone Age'? A) Palaeolithic* B) Mesolithic C) Neolithic D) Bronze Age (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Humans in the Palaeolithic era lived in caves or simple shelters. (1 mark)

3. 3. What sharp, hard rock did early humans use to make tools and weapons? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. In which period did humans begin to farm and build permanent homes? A) Palaeolithic B) Neolithic* C) Iron Age D) Victorian (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: During the Mesolithic period, humans lived in large cities with shops. (1 mark)

6. 6. Name the famous Neolithic village discovered in the Orkney Islands. (2 words) (1 mark)

7. 7. What major change happened in the Neolithic period? A) They invented cars B) They started writing books C) They began farming* D) They discovered electricity (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Stone Age people used animal skins for clothing. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which Stone Age period is often called the 'New Stone Age'? (1 mark)

10. 10. What material were the first tools mostly made from? A) Plastic B) Stone* C) Eraser D) Paper (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a Stone Age family gathering food. Include a shelter made of branches and animal skins, and some flint tools lying on the ground.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an archaeologist who has just found a 5,000-year-old pot. Write a short diary entry (50-80 words) describing where you found it and what you think the Stone Age people used it for.