

Life in an Iron Age Hillfort with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify key features of Iron Age life and understand how people lived in hillforts.

Ellie the Elephant is visiting an Iron Age hillfort. Look at the items below. Sort the items into two groups: things people used in the Iron Age and things that are modern. Use the word bank to help you spell the words correctly.

Word bank: Roundhouse · Iron sword · Mobile phone · Plastic bottle · Woven basket · Television · Hand-made pottery · Stone quern

1. 1. Write the four items from the list that people in the Iron Age would have used: (4 marks)

2. 2. Write the four items from the list that are modern and would NOT have been in an Iron Age hillfort: (4 marks)

3. 3. Ellie says: 'People lived in a roundhouse.' Is this true or false? Why? (2 marks)

4. 4. Iron Age people did not have shops. How do you think they made their own clothes and bowls? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of an Iron Age roundhouse. Remember to draw a roof made of straw (thatch) and thick walls made of wood and mud.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are living in an Iron Age hillfort. Write one sentence about what you would eat for dinner using the word 'farm' or 'hunt'.