

Ellie's Stone Age Expedition: A Year 5 History Quiz

Learning objective: To consolidate knowledge of the chronological changes from the Palaeolithic to the Neolithic period, including lifestyle, diet, and shelter.

Join Ellie the elephant on her journey through time! Read each question carefully and select or write the best answer. Remember to use your historical knowledge to justify your reasoning.

Answer Key: 1. A (Palaeolithic); 2. True; 3. Nomadic; 4. B (Neolithic); 5. False (They were hunters and gatherers); 6. Flint; 7. True; 8. Skara Brae; 9. B (To protect against weather and predators); 10. True.

Word bank: Palaeolithic · Mesolithic · Neolithic · Nomadic · Settlement · Agriculture · Flint · Skara Brae

1. 1. Which period represents the earliest part of the Stone Age, often called the 'Old Stone Age'? A) Palaeolithic* B) Neolithic C) Bronze Age D) Iron Age (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: During the Palaeolithic era, humans lived as hunter-gatherers. (1 mark)

3. 3. What word describes a group of people who move from place to place in search of food, rather than living in one permanent home? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which era saw the invention of farming and the creation of permanent settlements? A) Mesolithic B) Neolithic* C) Palaeolithic D) Ice Age (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Neolithic people relied entirely on wild berries and hunting for their food supply. (1 mark)

6. 6. What type of rock was most commonly used by Stone Age people to create sharp tools and weapons? (1 mark)

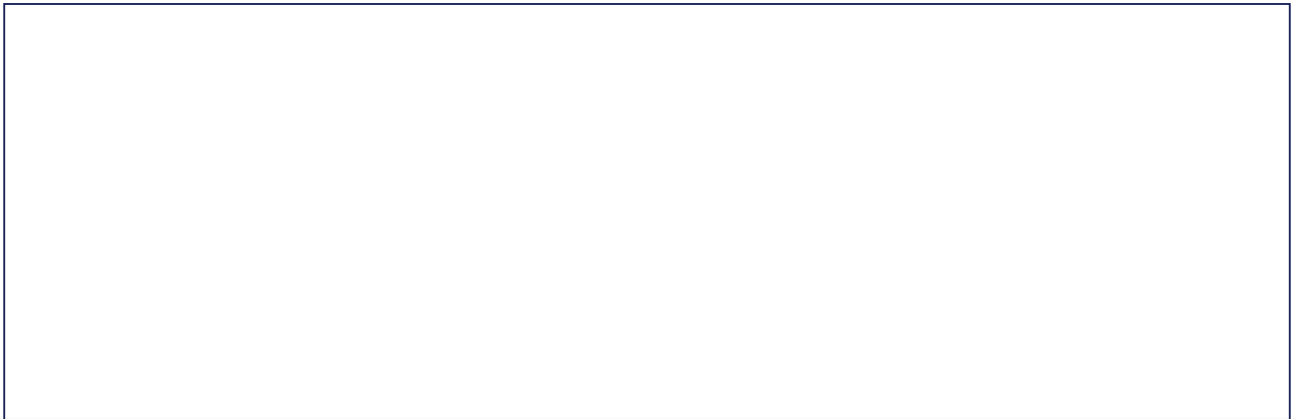
7. 7. True or False: Stone Age people used natural resources like animal skins and timber to build their shelters. (1 mark)

8. 8. Name the famous Neolithic village discovered in the Orkney Islands, often called the 'Scottish Pompeii'. (1 mark)

9. 9. Why did Neolithic people choose to live in larger, permanent groups? A) To play games B) To protect against weather and predators* C) To build skyscrapers D) To trade with modern cities (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The Stone Age ended when humans discovered how to smelt metals like copper and bronze. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a comparison between a temporary Palaeolithic shelter made of branches and animal hides, and a sturdy, stone-walled Neolithic house from Skara Brae.



Extension challenge: Challenge: 1. Explain why the transition from a nomadic lifestyle to farming is considered one of the most significant events in human history. 2. Justify your answer: Would life have been safer in the Neolithic period than the Palaeolithic period? Consider both the benefits of farming and the potential risks of living in permanent settlements.