

Life in an Iron Age Hillfort with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To describe what life was like for people living in Britain during the Iron Age.

Use these prompts to help you write a report about the Iron Age. Ellie the Elephant has shared her notes to help you remember the key facts. Use the word bank to help your sentences flow.

Life in the Iron Age was very different to life in Britain today, especially for those living in large hillforts.

Word bank: Hillfort · Roundhouse · Iron · Farming · Defense · Because · Furthermore · However · In addition

1. What were Iron Age houses like? Start your paragraph with: 'People lived in roundhouses which were made of...' (2 marks)

2. Why were hillforts built on high ground? Start your paragraph with: 'The hillforts were built on hills because...' (2 marks)

3. How did people get their food? Start your paragraph with: 'Iron Age people were clever farmers who...' (2 marks)

4. What was the most important metal? Start your paragraph with: 'The Iron Age was named after iron because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you draw a picture of a roundhouse and label three features, such as the thatched roof, the wooden walls, or the central fire pit?