Life in the Iron Age with Ellie the Elephant

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

Ellie the Elephant has been visiting an Iron Age settlement! Look at the list of items and features below. Decide if each one belongs in an Iron Age hillfort or if it is something modern. Write 'Iron Age' or 'Modern' next to each item, and then explain one reason for your choice.

Word bank: Roundhouse · Smartphone · Hillfort · Iron tools · Plastic bottle · Weaving loom · Electric cooker · Gold jewellery

1. Roundhouse: Is this Iron Age or Modern? Give a reason why. (2 marks)

2. Smartphone: Is this Iron Age or Modern? Give a reason why. (2 marks)

3. Iron tools: Is this Iron Age or Modern? Give a reason why. (2 marks)

4. Electric cooker: Is this Iron Age or Modern? Give a reason why. (2 marks)

5. Hillfort: Is this Iron Age or Modern? Give a reason why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a roundhouse inside a protective hillfort. Include a thatched roof, stone walls, and a wooden fence around the outside.

Extension challenge: Imagine you live in an Iron Age village. Write three sentences about what your daily chores might be, such as grinding grain for flour or looking after the farm animals.