Ellie’s Stone Age Adventure Quiz

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

Join Ellie the elephant on her journey through time! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Remember to think about how humans changed their way of life from being hunter-gatherers to early farmers.

Answer Key: 1. A (Palaeolithic), 2. False, 3. Neolithic, 4. B (Skara Brae), 5. Flint, 6. True, 7. Agriculture, 8. C (They settled in one place), 9. True, 10. Bronze Age.

Word bank: Palaeolithic · Mesolithic · Neolithic · Skara Brae · hunter-gatherer · flint · monument · agriculture

1. 1. Which period is known as the 'Old Stone Age' where humans lived in small nomadic groups? A) Palaeolithic* B) Neolithic C) Bronze Age D) Iron Age (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: During the Palaeolithic period, humans lived in stone-built houses with furniture. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which period saw the beginning of farming and the domestication of animals? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these is a famous Neolithic village found in the Orkney islands? A) London B) Skara Brae* C) Paris D) Rome (1 mark)

5. 5. What sharp, hard rock was commonly used to make tools and weapons during the Stone Age? (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: A 'hunter-gatherer' is someone who survives by finding wild plants and hunting animals. (1 mark)

7. 7. What is the technical term for the practice of farming, which changed human life forever? (1 mark)

8. 8. How did life change for humans in the Neolithic period? A) They stopped using tools B) They moved every day C) They settled in one place* D) They lived in trees (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Stonehenge is a famous monument that was started during the Neolithic period. (1 mark)

10. 10. What era followed the Stone Age, when humans began using metal for tools? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene comparing a Palaeolithic hunter-gatherer camp with a Neolithic farming village. Include a tent made of animal hides on one side and a stone-built house on the other.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an archaeologist who has just discovered a new Stone Age site. Write a short diary entry (50-80 words) describing one object you found and what it tells us about how people lived back then.