Life in the Iron Age: A Report by Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To describe the key features of Iron Age life, including hillforts, farming, and tools.

Use the prompts below to help Ellie organise her notes about the Iron Age. Think about how people lived, what they ate, and why they built hillforts.

The Iron Age was a fascinating period of British history that began when people started using iron to make stronger tools and weapons.

Word bank: furthermore · in addition · consequently · however · on the other hand · hillfort · roundhouse · iron tools · settlement · farming

1. Paragraph 1: Where did people live? Start your sentence with: 'During the Iron Age, families typically lived in roundhouses made of...' (2 marks)

2. Paragraph 2: Why were hillforts important? Start your sentence with: 'People built large hillforts on top of high ground because...' (2 marks)

3. Paragraph 3: How did life change with iron? Start your sentence with: 'Using iron was a major improvement because it allowed farmers to...' (2 marks)

4. Paragraph 4: What did they eat and trade? Start your sentence with: 'Iron Age people were skilled farmers who grew crops such as...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise your findings. Start your sentence with: 'In conclusion, the Iron Age was a time of great change because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an archaeologist. Write three questions you would like to ask a person living in an Iron Age hillfort about their daily chores.