Stone Age Explorer Flashcards with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and understand key facts about the Stone Age period in British history.

Read the front of the card and try to remember the fact. Flip the card mentally (or turn it over) to check your answer with Ellie the Elephant!

What does 'Stone Age' mean?

It was a huge period of time when humans used stone to make tools and weapons because they did not have metal yet.

What is a hunter-gatherer?

A person who survived by hunting wild animals and gathering wild plants, nuts, and berries for food.

What material was most commonly used to make sharp tools like arrowheads?

Flint, a hard type of rock that could be chipped to make a sharp edge.

What does the word 'nomadic' mean?

Moving from place to place to find food and shelter, rather than living in one permanent home.

Name the three periods of the Stone Age.

The Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age), the Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age), and the Neolithic (New Stone Age).

What major change happened to how people lived in the Neolithic period?

People stopped being nomadic and started farming, which allowed them to build permanent settlements.

What is Skara Brae?

A famous Neolithic village in Scotland that was preserved under sand for thousands of years.

Why were caves important to early Stone Age people?

Caves provided natural shelter from the weather and protection from wild animals.

What was the main reason Stone Age people moved from place to place?

To follow herds of animals they hunted for food as the seasons changed.

How did Stone Age people cook their food before ovens were invented?

They used fire to roast meat and sometimes used hot stones in water to boil food.

What did Stone Age people use animal skins for?

To make warm clothing, blankets, and covers for their shelters.

Ellie the Elephant wants to know: Why do we call it the 'Stone Age'?

Because almost all the tools, weapons, and even jewellery found from this time were made out of stone.