Iron Age Adventures with Ellie

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about life, culture, and society during the British Iron Age.

Join Ellie the elephant as she travels back in time to explore the Iron Age! Read each question carefully and select or write the best answer. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. B (Iron), 2. True, 3. Roundhouse, 4. A (Hillfort), 5. False (They lived in tribes), 6. Agriculture, 7. C (Roman Invasion), 8. True, 9. Smelting, 10. B (Coins).

Word bank: Hillfort · Roundhouse · Iron · Celts · Trade · Agriculture · Smelting · Currency · Fortification · Hilltop

1. 1. Which metal replaced bronze during this period because it was stronger and more abundant? A) Copper B) Iron* C) Gold D) Silver (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Iron Age people lived in circular homes made of wood and wattle-and-daub. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the specific name of the traditional Iron Age home mentioned in question 2? (1 mark)

4. 4. What defensive structure was built on high ground to protect tribes? A) Hillfort* B) Castle C) Skyscraper D) Pyramid (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Iron Age Britain was ruled by one single King who controlled the whole country. (1 mark)

6. 6. What was the main way Iron Age people produced their food? (Hint: starts with A) (1 mark)

7. 7. Which major event marked the end of the Iron Age in Britain? A) The Ice Age B) The Great Fire C) Roman Invasion* D) The invention of the car (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Iron Age people created beautiful jewellery and weapons using intricate patterns. (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the name of the process used to extract metal from ore inside a furnace? (1 mark)

10. 10. Towards the end of the Iron Age, what did tribes begin to mint to help with trade? A) Banknotes B) Coins* C) Cheques D) Stamps (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene of an Iron Age hillfort on top of a grassy hill. Include a roundhouse with a thatched roof and a wooden fence surrounding the village.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an Iron Age trader. Write a short paragraph explaining what items you would swap at a market. Would you trade grain, wool, or perhaps iron tools? Why are these items valuable to your tribe?