Life in the Stone Age: A Historical Report

Learning objective: To write a non-chronological report about the ways of life during the Stone Age, using formal language and clear historical evidence.

Use this scaffold to structure your report. Ensure you include evidence from your research and use the word bank to help your writing flow. Remember to check your spelling and punctuation as you work through each section.

The Stone Age, a vast period of human history, is traditionally divided into three distinct phases: the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic eras.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition to · archaeological evidence · surviving through · primitive tools · nomadic lifestyle · significantly · nevertheless · by contrast

1. Introduction: Briefly define the Stone Age period and explain why it is called that. Start with: The Stone Age earned its name because... (2 marks)

2. Hunter-Gatherer Lifestyle: Describe how people sourced their food. Start with: During the Palaeolithic era, human groups relied upon... (3 marks)

3. Technological Advancements: Explain the importance of flint and early tools. Start with: The development of stone tools was a major turning point for... (3 marks)

4. The Neolithic Revolution: Explain how farming changed human life. Start with: As the Neolithic era began, societies transitioned from nomadism to... (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise the legacy of the Stone Age. Start with: In conclusion, the innovations made during the Stone Age... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant researching history. Write a short paragraph describing one specific archaeological find (like a cave painting or a flint arrowhead) and explain what it tells us about the people who lived then.