

KEY VOCABULARY

Prehistoric- there is no written record of the Stone Age. There are clues that an archaeologist interprets.

Palaeolithic period - around 3,000,000 BC - Early humans, who were using simple stone tools, slowly developed into the modern humans.

Mesolithic period - around 10,000 BC - People were hunter-gatherers and were always moving to make sure they survived. Britain became an island in this time

Neolithic period- around 4,500 BC - 2,400 BC - In this time farming began, pottery developed and villages were built.

The **Stone Age**- Early humans used stone to make tools with a sharp edge or point. Stone was the main material for tools.

Hunter-gatherers- Early humans had to find and hunt their own food.

Nomadic - people that moved from one place to another.

Assessment

	Working Towards	At Expected	Above Expected
Can you name the three periods of the Stone Age?			
Can you explain a typical Stone Age diet and how this was sustained?			
Can you describe some of the features of a Stone Age home?			

Knowledge Organiser



KEY FACTS

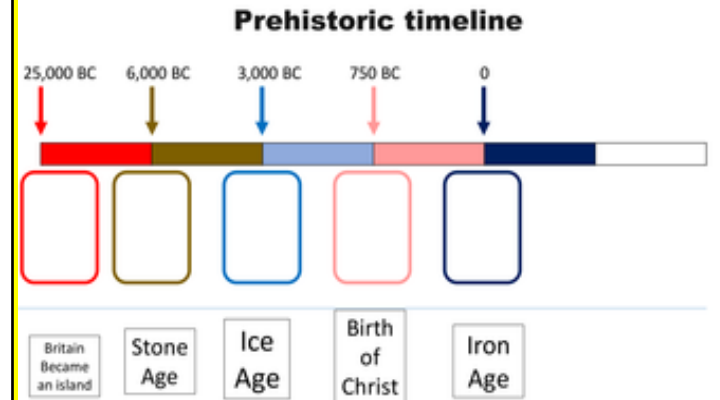
The **Stone Age** is the name given to the earliest period of human culture when stone tools were first used. The Stone Age ended when men began smelting metal. The Stone Age started almost 2.5 million years ago and ended in 9600 BC.

During the Stone Age, humans were **food-gatherers**. They gathered food by hunting wild animals and birds, fishing, and collecting fruits and nuts.

People had a **nomadic** lifestyle and kept moving from one place to another in search of food. They stayed in caves where they cooked meat and drew art on the walls. In some areas, the Stone Age people made temporary camps from wooden structures and animal skins.

Stone Age people also used animal skins for clothing and used natural materials such as bones, teeth and stones to make jewellery.

Diagram/Timeline



Tools for hunting and gathering:



Further Reading

- Children's Book: 'Stone Age Boy'
- Dorling Kindersley Online: <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/stone-age/>

QUESTIONS TO DEEPEN YOUR LEARNING

Character	Critical Thinking	Creativity	Communication	Citizenship	Collaboration
What would it have been like to live in the Stone Age?	Is modern life better than it was in the Stone Age? Why?	If you went back to the Stone Age, what would you invent to make life easier?	Could you create a Stone Age painting to depict life today?	How did the Stone Age people work together in their settlements?	What skills would hunters have needed to hunt animals?