

# Who first lived in Britain? (The Stone Age Part 1)

1 million years ago	(30,000 BC - 10,000 BC)	(10,000 BC - 8,000 BC)	8,000 BC - 3,000 BC)
First people in Britain	The Palaeolithic Period or Old Stone Age	The Mesolithic Period or Middle Stone Age	The Neolithic Period or New Stone Age

Vocabulary	Definition
Stone Age	The period of time when stone tools were used.
BC	Before the time of Christ.
Archeologist	A person who studies history.
Forage	To search for food to eat.
Flint	A hard, shiny rock used to make tools and weapons.
Glacial period	A period of time when the land is covered in ice.
Hunter-gather	A person who hunts and forages for food.
Pre-History	The time before people began writing.
Mammoth	A large, hairy elephant like animal with long tusks.

## When was the Stone Age? Why was it called the Stone Age?

The Stone Age began about 2.6 million years ago. It is called the stone age because the earliest humans used stones to make sharp tools.



## What can the village of Skara Brae tell about life in Neolithic times?

Skara Brae was a farming community in the Orkney Islands in Scotland during the Stone Age. 8 stone houses were discovered by archeologists. It tells us they were skilled craftsmen as they carved stone. It tells us they were skilled fishermen as many fish bones were found as well as bone tools used to take off a skin.



## What was life like through the different ages of the Stone Age?

The Paleolithic age or old stone age was around 30,000 BC- 10,000 BC this is when humans were found to be living on Earth surrounded by glaciers and it was the earliest part of the Stone Age. They had a Nomadic lifestyle and would move from one place to another, they were hunter gathers and would make simple tools from stone and create cave paintings.

The Mesolithic age was from 10,000 BC to 8,000 BC Britain was now a place of grassland now the ice had melted. Hunters still hunted wild animals such as deer and fish using stone tools and spears., They would live in caves and huts and would follow animals to gather food. They would also forage for plants.

The Neolithic age was from 8,000 BC and 3,000 BC Britain was now a place of farmland and tools and weapons were used. More farmland was available and people started to grow their own crops keep their animals nearby and farm. People also started to make their own pottery and woven material. Due to shortage of farmland this caused fights and living with animals caused diseases. People began building their own houses made of rock, wood and turf.

