





# Useful Stone Age Vocabulary

## The Stone Age Glossary

<p><b>2014 A.D.</b> <b>A.D. (Anno Domini):</b> The years after the birth of Christ.</p>	<p><b>Fertile Land:</b> Soil that contains the right mix of minerals to grow plants easily.</p>
<p><b>Ancient:</b> Something which is very, very old.</p>	<p><b>Flint:</b> A very hard stone. Used to make tools.</p>
<p><b>Archaeologist:</b> Pronounced Ark-e-ol-o-gist. A person who examines ancient sites and objects, to learn about the past.</p>	<p><b>Hare:</b> A rabbit-like animal.</p>
<p><b>Archaeology:</b> Pronounced Ark-e-ol-o-gee. The study of human activity in the past by finding materials that they used and made.</p>	<p><b>Hearth:</b> The floor of a fireplace.</p>
<p><b>Artefact:</b> An object that was made by humans.</p>	<p><b>Hunter Gatherers:</b> The term used to describe Stone Age people before they started to farm.</p>
<p><b>4000 B.C.</b> <b>B.C. :</b> The years before the birth of Christ.</p>	<p><b>Mesolithic Stone Age:</b> The middle part of the stone age</p>
<p><b>Chronological order:</b> A record of events in the order in which they happened.</p>	<p><b>Microlith:</b> Small, sharp stones used as arrow and spear heads.</p>
<p><b>Deforestation:</b> The cutting down or burning of large areas of forest.</p>	<p><b>Neolithic Stone Age:</b> The New Stone Age. The time of biggest changes.</p>
<p><b>Excavate:</b> To dig (a hole).</p>	<p><b>Orkney Islands:</b> Islands off the northeast coast of Scotland.</p>

<p><b>Fossil</b> - remains of living things (plants / animals)</p> 	<p><b>Artefact</b> - found manmade things</p> 	<p><b>Trap</b> - to catch an animal (stone age dug holes; used fire to chase the animals into the holes)</p> 	<p><b>Antelope</b></p> 
<p><b>Cave</b> - first found homes</p> 	<p><b>Pebbles</b></p> 	<p><b>Hand axe</b> - a tool or weapon</p> 	<p><b>Club</b> - a weapon</p> 
<p><b>Spear</b> - a weapon</p> 	<p><b>Huts</b> - first built homes</p> 	<p><b>Mammoth</b></p> 	<p><b>Woolly rhinoceros</b></p> 
<p><b>Knives</b></p> 	<p><b>Needle and hook</b></p> 	<p><b>Bow and Arrows</b></p> 	<p><b>Raft</b></p> 
<p><b>Stone age tools</b></p> 	<p><b>Canoe</b> - made from hollowed out tree trunks</p> 	<p><b>Quern-stone</b> - used for crushing food</p> 	<p><b>Sickle</b> - used for cutting / harvesting crops</p> 
<p><b>Hoe</b> - used for digging (and making the ground soft)</p> 	<p><b>Spin (thread) and weave (fabrics)</b></p> 	<p><b>Stonehenge</b> - a famous site; a prehistoric monument</p> 	<p><b>Pottery</b> - items made of sand or clay</p> 