

Stone Age Time Periods

- 11** The pre-historic period known as the Stone Age, which is
22 said to have lasted for over three million years, was named
33 because of the stone tools and equipment used at the time.
43 The Stone Age is divided into three phases, although the
52 exact dates for each section vary across the world.
- 61** During the Old Stone Age, known as the Palaeolithic
70 era, the earliest relatives of humans, homo habilis, used
80 simple stone tools and Britain was still connected by land
86 to modern-day France and Denmark.
- 95** In the Mesolithic period (Middle Stone Age), the more
101 developed humans lived hunter-gatherer lifestyles,
112 constantly on the move in order to survive. At this point,
116 Britain became an island.
- 124** During the New Stone Age (Neolithic period), farming
132 began, pottery was developed and villages were built.



1. Find and copy a phrase which means the same as 'Old Stone Age'.
2. In which phase did Britain become an island?
3. Summarise the main points of this text in 20 words or less.
4. How are the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods different?