

## LESSON FOUR: How did agriculture change the lives of the Stone Age people?

Glossary	
Settlement	A place where a group of people live
Agriculture	Farming: growing crops and rearing animals for food.
Domesticated	Tame: an animal kept as a pet or on a farm.
Crops	Plants grown for food, for example a cereal, fruit or vegetable
Cereal	A crop whose grains are used to make food such as wheat, barley, oats, rice

To begin with, Stone Age people were hunter gatherers. They didn't stay in the same place for long as they followed the animals that they hunted and moved with the seasons to get the juiciest plants and nuts.

After thousands of years of this life, Stone Age people learned how to plant crops to grow their own food and how to look after animals. This meant that they could stay in the same place for longer. This is how Stone Age settlements began.

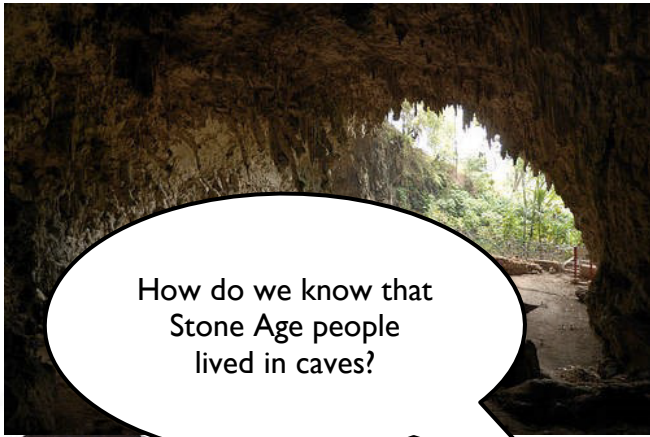
This video will tell us more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWHCyyWCCLc>



Do you know if these statements are about Stone Age life before farming and Stone Age life after farming? Put a tick in the right column.

	Before farming Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Eras	After farming Neolithic Era
People never stayed in the same place for long		
People started to make pots		
People could only eat what they could hunt or find		
People could grow their own food		
People could stay in the same place for their whole lives		
People made special places to bury the dead		

Before farming, Stone Age people would need to find somewhere to stay for a few nights, such as a cave:



Here, the settlers would be protected from the winds and rain. Heat from their camp fire would keep them warm in winter.

How do we know that Stone Age people lived in caves?



skins:

Or they might built a shelter out of branches, leaves and animal

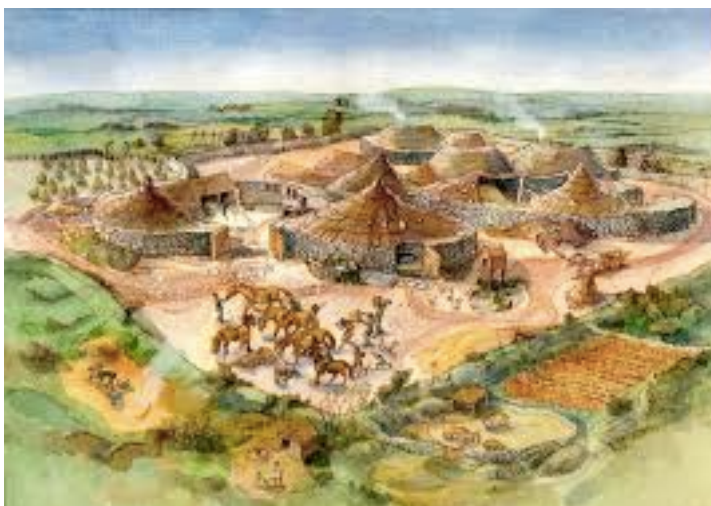


Stone Age people (and people throughout History) chose to settle near water for lots of different reasons:

- water to drink
- water for washing
- hunting fish

Can you think of any others?

Once Neolithic people learnt how to farm, and crops and animals were brought in from the rest of Europe, it became possible to stay in one place. Longer-lasting materials were used to build houses and people settled in a place permanently.





### Because, But, So

Complete these sentences about how agriculture (farming) changed the lives of Neolithic (New Stone Age) people:

Neolithic people stopped being hunter gatherers because \_\_\_\_\_

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There are no written records of Neolithic people but \_\_\_\_\_

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Neolithic people learnt how to grow crops and look after animals so \_\_\_\_\_

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