

## LESSON SIX: What is Skara Brae? Why is it important?

Glossary	
neolithic	the last part of the Stone Age
excavated	dug out by archaeologists

Skara Brae is one of the biggest Neolithic settlements anywhere in the world. It is located on the Orkney Islands, which lie off the North-East coast of Scotland.

It is older than both the pyramids and Stonehenge. It was built and occupied between about 3200 BC and 2200 BC.



The site was discovered in 1850, after a powerful storm blew away the earth, sand and trees which had covered the houses.



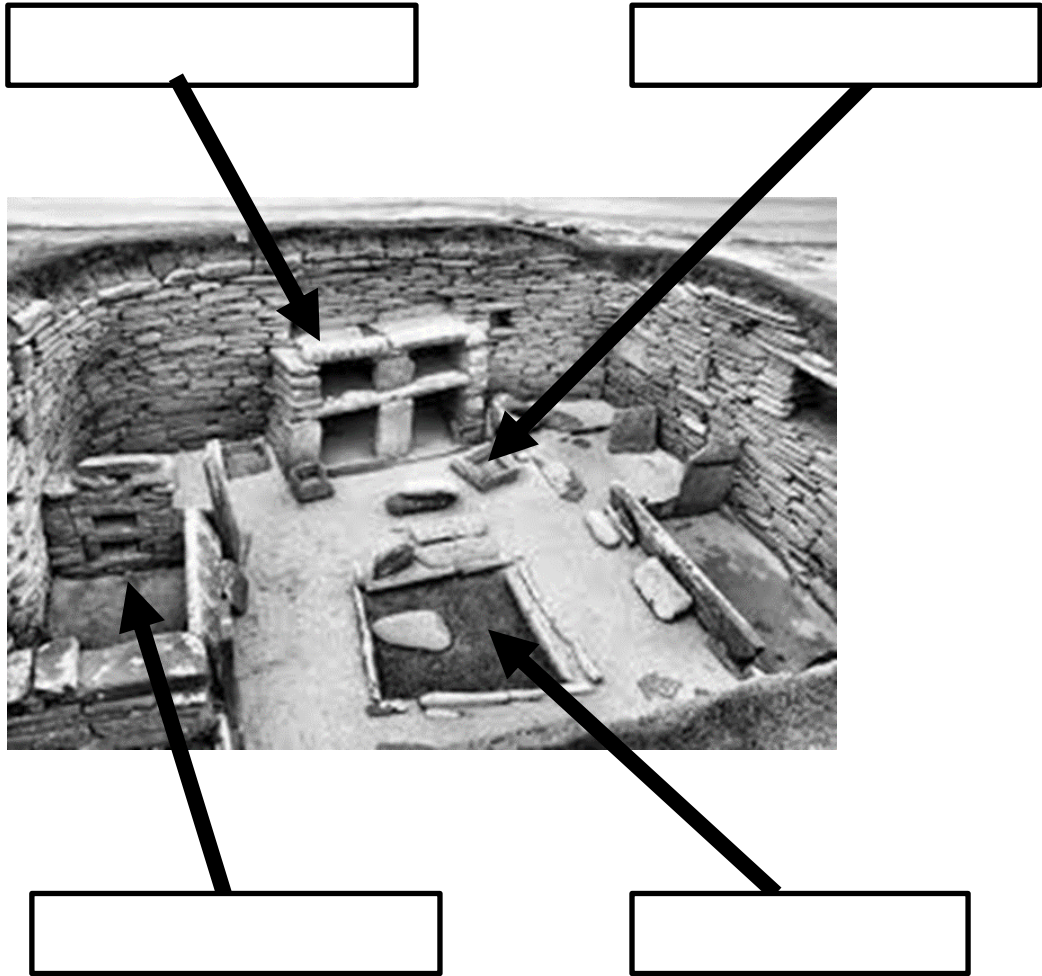
Hundreds of artefacts have been excavated at Skara Brae, including knives, rope, small bowls, ivory pins and decorative beads.

The eight houses at Skara Brae were linked by low corridors. They had beds, chairs, dressers and cupboards, although no windows, but they did have toilets.



Now listen to your teacher telling you more about Skara Brae!

**Label the diagram below:**



**Complete these sentences:**

Skara Brae is \_\_\_\_\_

The houses and furniture were all made out of stone because \_\_\_\_\_

It is important because \_\_\_\_\_