

## LESSON FIVE: What were Stone Age homes like?

### Recap

Let's remind ourselves of what we have already learnt:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AoOh7wXgnY>

Glossary	
wattle	wooden strips used to build houses
daub	a mixture of mud, manure and stones used to hold the wattle in place and protect the home from the wind and rain
thatch	plant material used to make roofs
clustered	gathered together in groups

Many of the earliest Stone Age people, from the Palaeolithic era, lived in caves. We know this because of their cave paintings.

No cave paintings have been found in Britain (though there pictures scratched into rock), but they have been found in France and in other places across the world. Mostly they are pictures of animals and such as deer, bulls and hunting scenes. Sometimes there are pictures of hands too.

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



To make the paint, Stone Age people ground up rocks such as hematite (red) and ochre (yellow) and mixed these with spit, water or animal fat.

No one really knows the meaning behind the paintings. Maybe the Stone Age people just wanted to draw something important to them. What do you think?

If you go to this website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk/articles/z34djxs>, you can find out the story of Grey Otter, an imaginary Stone Age boy



### Bonus Art Challenge!

Why not have a go at making your own Stone Age cave painting?

On a separate sheet of paper, design your scene: will it be a hunting scene? Will it have animals in it? Or people? Or both? Or just hands?

You may only use red, yellow, orange, brown, white and black - or any colour you can make by mixing these together!

How do we know that Neolithic people built houses?

Think back to the video. What did archaeologists find to help them find out about Neolithic homes? Go back and watch again from 1m 30 seconds.

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Let's compare these Neolithic houses with our modern homes.



What are those holes in your walls?



	Modern homes	Neolithic homes
Walls made from wattle and daub		
Walls made from brick and concrete		
No windows		
Windows		
Homes on their own		
Homes clustered together		
Running water inside the house		
No running water, but built near a stream		
Food caught daily		
Food stored in fridges, tins and packets		
Heated by an open fire		
Heated by radiators		
Thatched roofs		
Tiled roofs		

### Writing Challenge!

What were Neolithic Stone Age houses like?

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What are our modern homes like?

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How are they different? How are they the same?

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Would you rather live in a Stone  
Age home or a modern home?  
Why?

