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.



Quick Questions



 Find and copy a phrase which means the same as 'Old Stone Age'.



2. In which phase did Britain become an island?



Summarise the main points of this text in 20 words or less.

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4. How are the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods different?