**4.-The stone age**

Long, long ago, when the Ice Age was over, there was a time known as the Stone Age.

This is because the men used stone to make tools.

There were no farms, no TV, no mobile phones and no computers.

**What did they eat?**

People went hunting, hoping to see a horse, a bison o an antelope.

They killed the beast, skinned it and cut it up.

They cooked the meat on a sort of stove.

They caught fish and smoked it to stop it going bad.

Men and women collected birds’ eggs and nuts and plants to eat.

What were the homes like?

Because people followed the animals to get meat, they didn’t stay in the same place for long.

They made huts or tents, using poles made from branches and animal skins.

They slept in caves, too.

**What were the cloths like?**

People wore cloths made of animal skins.

If they were going hunting, they wore antelope horns as a way of hiding from the animals.

**How did they make tools?**

They made knives and axes, chipping them out of stones such as flint.

Some of those tools were made of bone.

They made hunting tools as well – bows and arrows and harpoons.

**Were there Stone Age artists?**

Drawings of animals were made on the walls of caves.

They drew with yellow, white and red rock.

They made carvings from bones and stone.

They made necklaces, rings and bracelets, using beads made from animals’ teeth.

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**Red Words**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **of** | **some** | **there** | **they** |
| **to** | **was** | **were** | **what** |
| **caught** | **using** | **bought** | **their** |
| **small** | **walk** | **talk** | **thought** |
| **where** | **come** | **should** | **does** |

**Speedy Green Words**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **time** | **known** | **make** | **shops** |
| **horse** | **cooked** | **sort** | **plants** |
| **followed** | **animals** | **place** | **long** |
| **made** | **homes** | **like** | **hiding** |
| **such** | **yellow** | **white** | **teeth** |

**Questions to talk about**

Why did Stone Age people go hunting?

How did they stoop fish going bad?

What food did they eat?

Why didn’t Stone Age people stay in the same place for very long?

What colours did Stone Age artists use?

What sort of jewellery did they have in the Stone Age?

**Questions to read and answer**

What did Stone Age people use to make tools?

What were Stone Age homes made of?

What hunting tools did they make?

What did Stone Age artists draw?

What were animal teeth used for?