

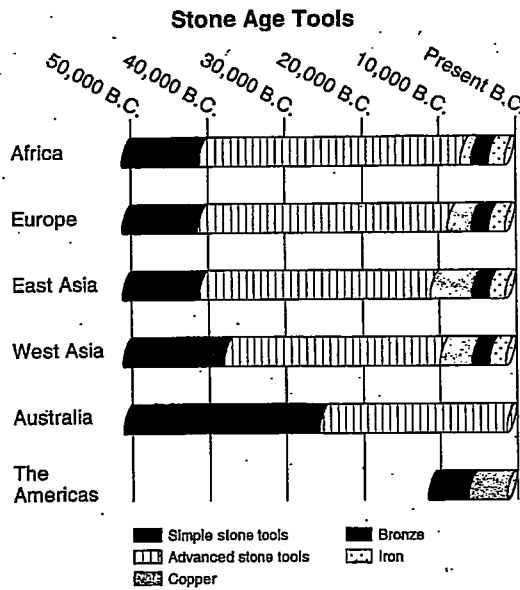
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**Practice  
and Activity**

# Stone Age Technology

Early people made tools for many purposes. Trace the development of tools by looking over the chart. Then answer the questions. For help, you may refer to pages 38 to 41 in your textbook.



1. When did the people of Africa begin using copper to make tools?

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2. On which continent were copper and bronze tools used first?

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3. On which continent were advanced tools used for the longest time? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What invention made hunting safer for the hunter? Explain.

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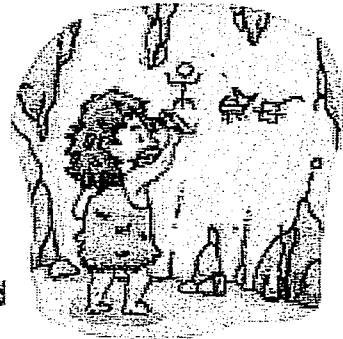
5. How were simple tools helpful to early people?

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# The Stone Age

The Stone Age started around 2.5 million years ago when early humans first produced the first stone tools. The Stone Age is split into three different parts: the **Palaeolithic** (Old Stone Age) the **Mesolithic** (Middle Stone Age) and the **Neolithic** (New Stone Age).



During the Old Stone Age humans evolved from Neanderthals and other groups into homo sapiens (modern humans). People survived by gathering wild nuts, fruits, and berries. They also hunted wild animals. The tradition is that women did the gathering and men did the hunting. When the food ran out, these hunter-gatherers moved on.

The Middle Stone Age began at the end of the last Ice Age when sea levels rose and Britain became an island. In the New Stone Age, the way people lived changed significantly. People began building settlements instead of moving from place to place. They built walls around their settlements to protect themselves and started to grow their own crops and domesticate animals. Tools for grinding, cutting and chopping were also introduced. People used bones for fishhooks so that they could catch fish as well as animals.



## Questions

1. What did people eat during the Stone Age?

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2. How many parts is the Stone Age split into? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What was the period called when sheets of ice covered the Earth?

- a) Old Stone Age      b) Warm age      c) Ice Age

4. What do you think it means when you **domesticate** an animal?

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5. A historian is someone who:

- a) Studies and writes about the past      b) Sings about the past      c) Makes history