

Did you know?

- Prehistoric cave paintings show bison, horses, aurochs, rhinos, mammoths and some other animals that are now extinct.
- The Early Stone Age is by far the longest period in human history.
- A hand axe or biface is a prehistoric tool with two faces. Usually hewn from flint or chert, it has been used longer than any other tool in human history.
- The name Stonehenge is derived from the Old English words 'stán', meaning 'stone' and 'hencg', meaning 'hinge', or 'hencen', meaning 'gallows'.
- Nobody is exactly sure when the wheel was invented. Evidence of wheeled objects and pictures of wheeled chariots date back to around 3500 BC. Some of the first wheeled objects in Europe were actually children's toys!
- In 2012, two amateur metal detectors in Jersey unearthed the largest hoard of Iron Age coins ever found. The Grouville Hoard contains an estimated 70,000 coins, each valued at around £200 each. Wow!
- Despite what many toy manufacturers and cartoon makers seem to think, there were no dinosaurs in the Stone Age. Dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago. However, there were mammoths, sabre-toothed tigers and cave bears.
- The people of North Sentinel Island in Asia still live a Stone Age lifestyle today, hunting and gathering food in the forest.

