

## *The Story of Early Human Beings*

### *New Terms*

1. *Archaeologist*

A person who studies the remains of old cities, objects and buildings.

2. *Evolution*

The natural improvement of living beings from one generation to another.

3. *Excavation*

Digging out buried cities, objects and buildings.

4. *Fossils*

Remains of dead plants and animals in rocks and soil.

5. *Historian*

A person who studies the stories of the past.

6. *Nomads*

Group of people who do not have fixed homes. They keep travelling to better places.

7. *Stone Age*

The period of human history when the people used only stone tools.

8. *Flint or Flintstone*

A soft stone that is rubbed together to make fire.

### *Question-Answers*

#### *Q1. How did we learn about the life during prehistoric times?*

Ans. We learnt about the life during prehistoric times from:-

- a. The tools, weapons and broken shelters left behind
- b. The paintings inside the caves they lived in
- c. Their bones and skeletons.

#### *Q2. Why is the prehistoric period known as the Stone Age?*

Ans. The prehistoric period is known as the Stone Age because the hunters-gatherers used only tools made of stone.

#### *Q3. How did the discovery of fire affect the lives of the early human beings?*

Ans. The discovery of fire affected the lives of the early human beings by:-

- a. Providing them with heat and light
- b. Protecting them from wild animals
- c. Helping them to cook food.

#### *Q4. Name some tools of stone made by the early human beings.*

Ans. Spears, arrow heads, axes and harpoons are some tools of stone made by the early human beings.

**Q5. How did the early human beings make tools from stones?**

Ans. The early human beings made tools from stone by chipping big stones and sharpening them.

**Q6. Why did early human beings move from place to place?**

Ans. The early human beings moved from place to place in search of food, water and shelter.

**Q7. What were the 2 major problems the early humans faced while hunting?**

Ans. The 2 major problems the early humans faced while hunting were that:-

- a. Many animals ran faster than the humans
- b. It was dangerous to get too close to the big animals.

Complete the Following:-

1. The early humans of prehistoric time **did not know how to write.**
2. The first people who used stone tools are called **homo habilis.**
3. Homo erectus were the first early humans **who could stand upright.**
4. The hunter-gatherers spent their time **hunting animals and gathering fruits.**
5. The early human beings made paintings on **the walls of the caves they lived in.**