

# DGR – Monday 6.7.20

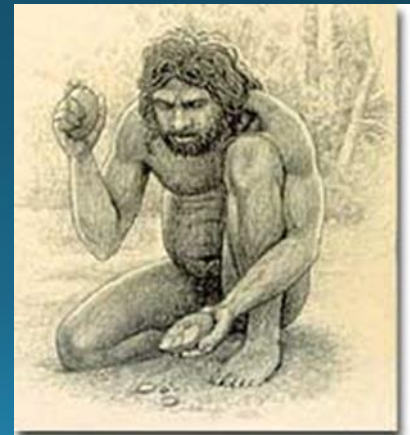
## Why do we need tools?

- There are lots of different ways of making things. But nearly everything is made by using tools. We use tools to make things from cakes to chairs, gloves to garden sheds.
- What sort of tools have you used before?

Let's find out a little bit more about some of the basic tools used by early Stone Age men.



And don't forget - be careful when using any tool



Read the following text carefully

Write down any words you do not know  
and underline any words you cannot  
pronounce.

Early people made tools from pebbles, especially flint. They also sharpened sticks into deadly spears.

They used animal bones or antlers as hammers.

During the early stone age (Paleolithic Period) Prehistoric Britons made tools now known as a handaxe.

Handaxes were designed with a round base that fit snugly into a hand and had a series of sharp edges for cutting.

Handaxes had many uses: to scrape animal hides, slice meat and to extract nutrition from bone marrow.

Later, in the Mesolithic or middle stone age, people developed skills at making flake tools that could be mounted in a wooden shaft to make arrows or spears.

This Neolithic axe has a stone blade and a wooden handle.

Originally, the blade would have been tied in place with strong leather strips.

Neolithic axes were used for chopping down trees.

They were also highly-prized objects that showed the importance of their owner.



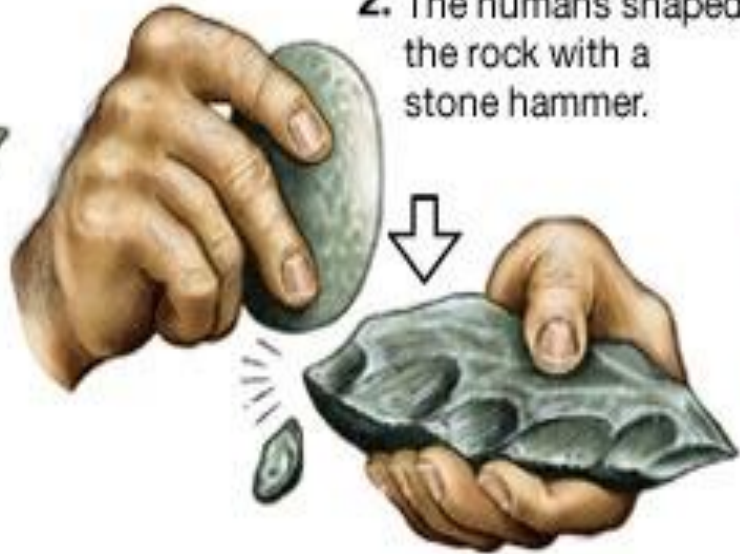


# How Stone Age Humans Made Hand Axes

1. The process started with a large piece of rock.



2. The humans shaped the rock with a stone hammer.



3. Using a hammer made of wood, stone, or antler they sharpened the edge.



4. They trimmed the edge by prying off tiny flakes with a pointed stick.



## Finished hand ax



front view



side view