

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

EARLY STONE TOOLS



A recent discovery (1) _____ led scientists to revise their ideas about (2) _____ ancestors of early humans. (3) _____ seems they started to (4) _____ use of stone tools nearly one million years earlier (5) _____ had previously (6) _____ thought. Archaeologists revised the date (7) _____ spotting distinctive marks made (8) _____ stone tools on animal bones dating (9) _____ nearly three and (10) _____ half million years. The remains, including a rib from a cow-like creature (11) _____ a thigh bone from an animal similar in size (12) _____ a goat, were recovered (13) _____ an old river bed which was (14) _____ excavated in Ethiopia.

The use of simple stone tools (15) _____ remove meat from bones represents a crucial moment (16) _____ human history. (17) _____ a result of turning to meat (18) _____ sustenance, the early humans developed larger brains, which (19) _____ turn enabled them to make (20) _____ sophisticated tools. The bones unearthed in Ethiopia could well represent (21) _____ very beginning of that process.

(22) _____ scientists are still hoping (23) _____ discover is whether the stone tools were manufactured specifically to meet a need (24) _____ whether they were natural stones that (25) _____ chance had the right shape (26) _____ the necessary sharp edges. Either (27) _____, it seems likely (28) _____ the early humans carried the tools around with them rather than relying (29) _____ being able to find suitable (30) _____ when the need arose.

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