

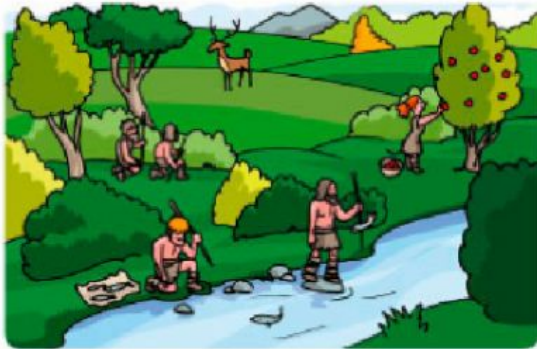


PREHISTORY

PALEOLITHIC PERIOD



Prehistory is divided into **three** periods. The oldest and longest period in Prehistory is the **Paleolithic Period**. It started **5 million** years ago and ended about **10 000** years ago.



Paleolithic people were **nomadic**. This means they didn't live permanently in one place. They went from one place to another looking for food.



Paleolithic people **hunted** and **fished** to get food. They also collected and ate fruit and plants. During this period people discovered how to make **fire**. After that they could cook their food.



Paleolithic people lived in **caves** or **huts** made of tree branches and animal skins. They wore clothes made of animal skins, too.



Paleolithic people made **tools** from stone, wood and animal bones. For example, they made **spears** for hunting.

Archaeologists are people who look for objects and buildings from the past. They have found objects and cave paintings that show us how Paleolithic people lived.



There are many cave paintings in the **Altamira cave** in Cantabria. The paintings show different animals and people's hands.



Archaeologists have found human bones that are more than **300 000** years old in the **Sierra de Atapuerca** in Burgos.