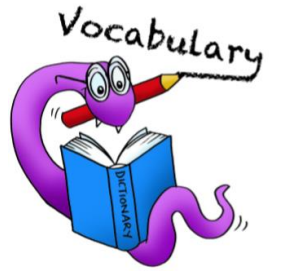


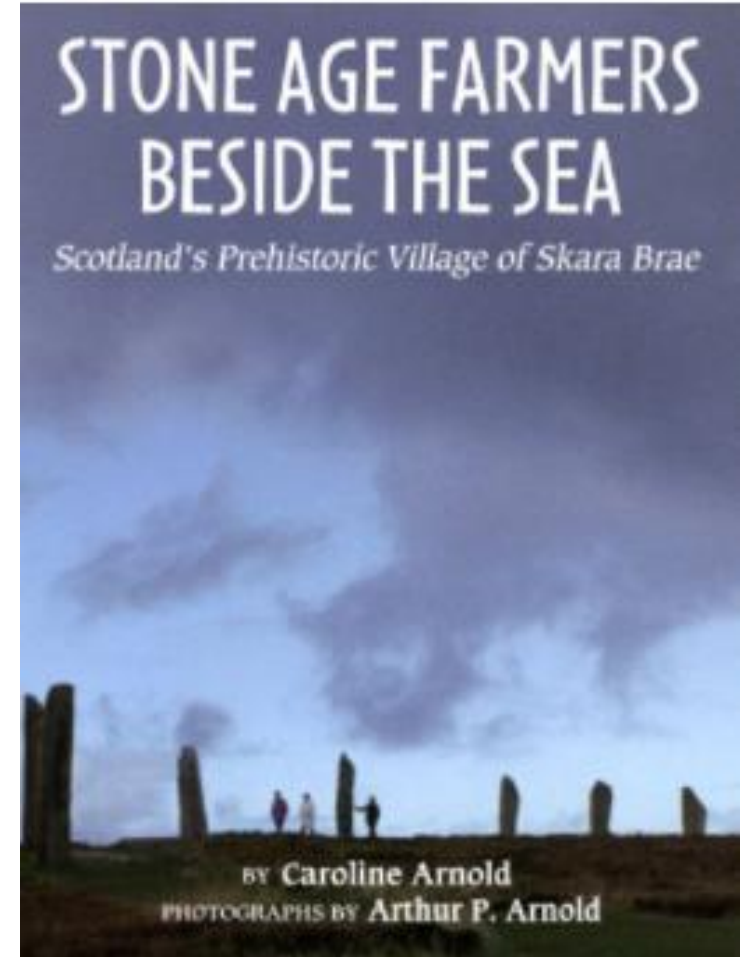
Vocabulary Corner



- 1) views into the ancient dwellings.
- 2) On a windswept island...
- 3) ... best preserved prehistoric villages.
- 4) ... ancient farmers tended livestock...
- 5) ...were clustered in a compact unit...
- 6) They were the heart of a close-knit agricultural community...

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A wide embankment surrounding Skara Brae provides views into the ancient dwellings.

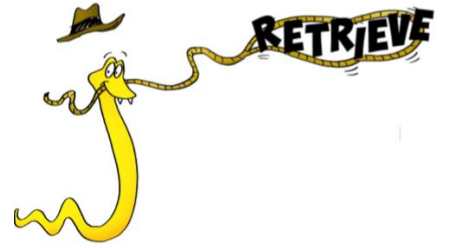
VILLAGE BY THE SEA

On a windswept island at the northern tip of Scotland, thick stone walls lie half buried by the edge of the sea. They are the remains of Skara Brae (pronounced Scar-a Bray), one of Europe's oldest known and best preserved prehistoric villages. Five thousand years ago ancient farmers tended livestock and tilled the earth on land surrounding the village. They also hunted wildlife and fished along the coast. Their houses, built of sturdy stone, were clustered in a compact unit and joined along an inner passageway. They were the heart of a close-knit agricultural community and may have been home to as many as twenty families at one time.

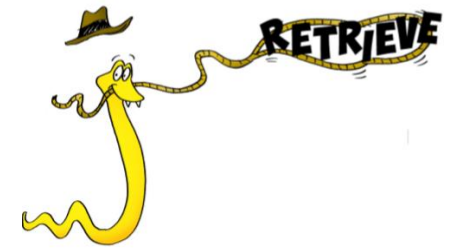
People lived at Skara Brae for about six hundred years, from 3100 to 2500 B.C. After they left, wind blew sand from the surrounding dunes over the village and buried it. For thousands of years Skara Brae was forgotten. It was not until its discovery almost 150 years ago that the life of its inhabitants became known once again.

Today visitors to Skara Brae can explore the remains of the village and see many of the ancient objects found during its excavation. No other place in northern Europe provides such a complete picture of life in the Neolithic, or New Stone Age, a period of human history when people made tools with stone or bone and began to live in settled communities.

Rapid Retrieval



- 1) Where are the remains of Skara Brae found?
- 2) How long ago did the farmers tend to their livestock in Skara Brae?
- 3) True or False – the farmers at Skara Brae fished along the coast.
- 4) What were their houses built from?
- 5) How long did people live at Skara Brae for?
- 6) How long ago was Skara Brae rediscovered?



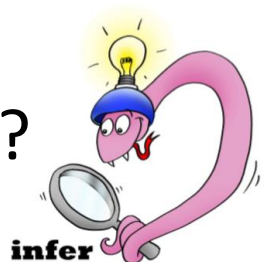
Rapid Retrieval - ANSWERS

- 1) An Ireland north of Scotland
- 2) Five thousand years ago
- 3) True
- 4) Stone
- 5) 600 years
- 6) 150 years ago

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1) Why do you think that the village of Skara Brae had been forgotten?



EXT: Can you think of a synonym and antonym for the word 'forgotten'?

Today's visitors to Skara Brae can explore the remains of the village and see many of the ancient objects found during its excavation.

2) Do you think that monuments like Skara Brae are important? Why?

