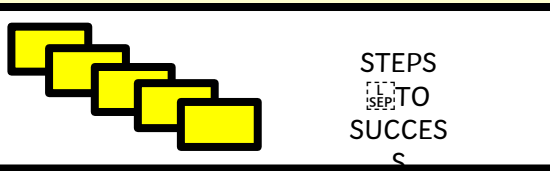


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Skill - Describe everyday lives



I can make observations from different **sources** of **information**.

I can explain what a hillfort was.

I can explain the purpose of an Iron Age hillfort.

Activating Prior Knowledge



What do we already know about how people lived during the prehistoric ages?

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This lesson is split into 2 parts.

First, we're going to find out about the **HISTORY** of  
Iron Age hillforts.

Then, we're going to find out where they were  
located in **GEOGRAPHY** and create an aerial map  
of what a hillfort might have looked like.

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What do you notice about these aerial photos?  
What can you see?

Here are 2 aerial photos of hillforts.

Image 9



Image 8



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Watch the video links below to find out what an Iron Age hillfort was and why they were built.

Make notes on paper if you need help remembering the information, you'll need it later!



BBC Teach Iron Age Tribes



BBC Teach Hillforts

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EXTRA INFORMATION

### What is a hill fort?

In the Iron Age, most people lived in roundhouses made of wood, stone and clay.

They built their huts in groups called settlements.

Some settlements were built on the top of hills, which are known as hill forts.



### Why were they built?

During the Iron Age, people lived closely together in farming communities. The communities owned valuable resources such as animals, weapons and food which they needed to protect from rival tribes who might try to steal them.

Living on top of a hill provided protection for communities. Attackers could be spotted easily before they reached the settlement and it would be tiring to climb the hill during an attack.



### What were their features?

Hill forts were often built on a plateau, a flat area on the top of a hill. The flat land made it easy to build houses and the steep sides of the hill offered protection.

Settlers often built hill forts near rivers, cliffs and ditches because they offered protection from invasion. They also dug ditches and put up wooden fences or dry stone walls around the settlements for additional defence.



### How do we know?

Although the buildings and fences have perished over time, the outline of many hill fort sites can still be seen.

Today, features such as banks, ditches and post holes are visible at hill fort sites, especially from the air. By studying these features, archaeologists can piece together what the hill forts would have looked like.



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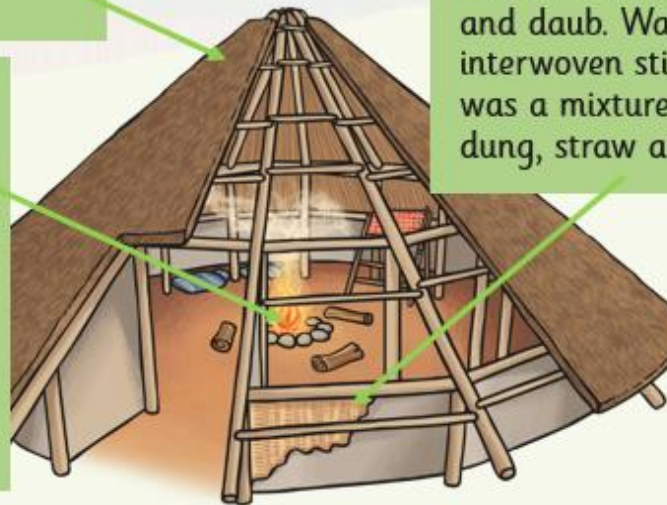
## Homes

Archaeologists have discovered that roundhouses were typical Iron Age homes. Some were very large and housed many people.

Roundhouses didn't have chimneys, as the smoke dispersed through the thatched roof.

The frame was constructed out of large timbers and the walls were made from wattle and daub. Wattle was interwoven sticks and daub was a mixture of animal dung, straw and clay.

In the centre of the house there would have been a fire used for cooking, and as a source of heat and light. Some roundhouses may have contained ovens for baking bread.



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Hillforts were built on top of hills so that the people could see enemies coming!

Facts that you've found out during this part of the lesson will go around the aerial view of a hillfort that you are going to create next!

People lived in huts and these were grouped together in settlements.

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How did you do?

Were there any other history skills we had to use?

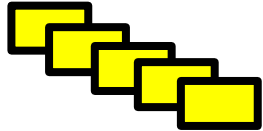
Have you made progress in the knowing how people lived in the past?



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Skill - Using satellite mapping




STEPS TO  
SUCCESS

I can use aerial satellite images to locate hillfort sites.

I can describe the physical features of an area.

I can explain what makes a hillfort location perfect.

Activating Prior Knowledge



When have you used maps before?

What type of maps have you used?

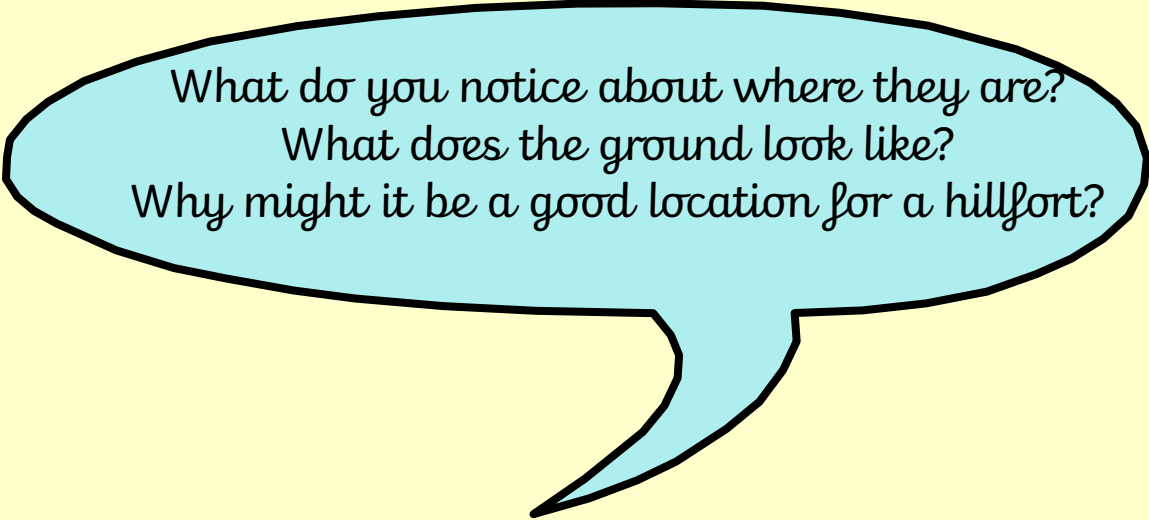
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Have a look at the **aerial** images of hillfort locations on the next 3 slides.

SOME ARE EASY TO SPOT, OTHERS ARE MUCH TRICKIER!



What do you notice about where they are?  
What does the ground look like?  
Why might it be a good location for a hillfort?

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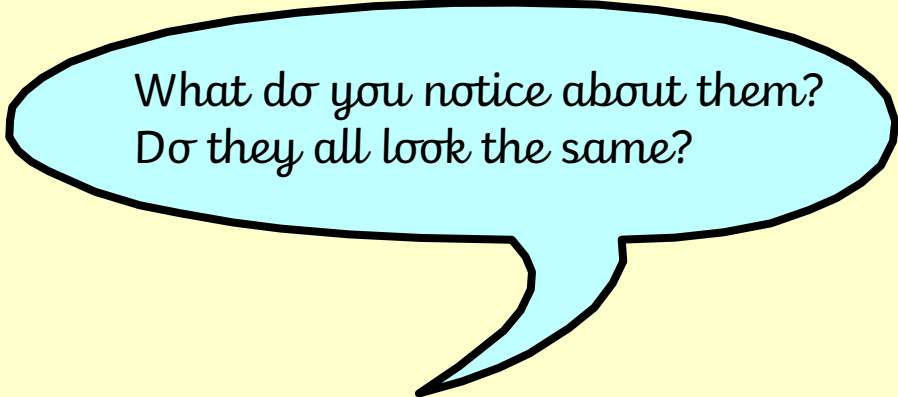
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Have a look at the link below - it shows a satellite map of the UK.

Some of the hillforts are marked with red arrows. If you click on them, you can have a look at photos of that hillfort.

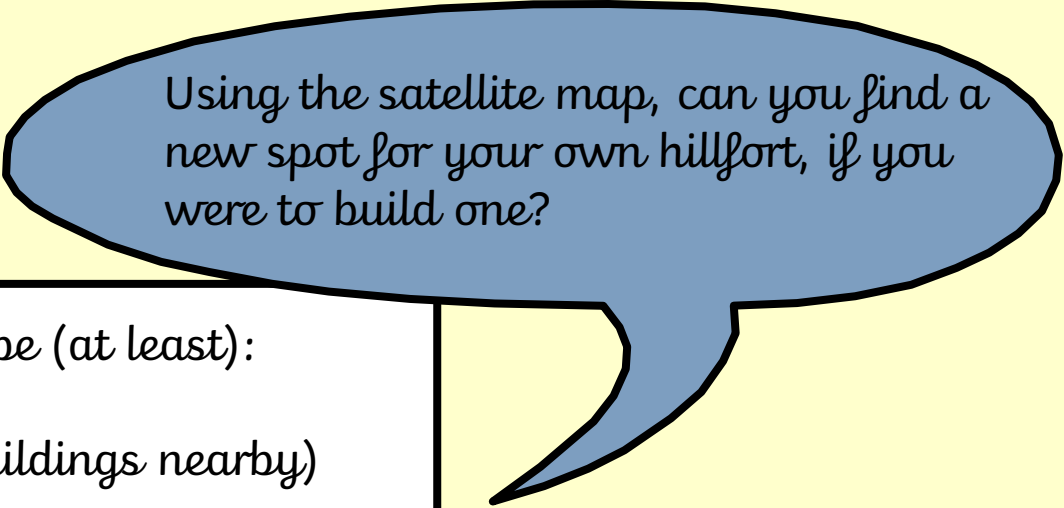


What do you notice about them?  
Do they all look the same?

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Using the satellite map, can you find a new spot for your own hillfort, if you were to build one?

The ideal spot should be (at least):

Large and open (no buildings nearby)

On a hill (if possible)

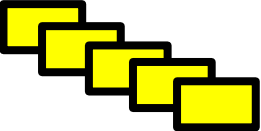
Near a water source (stream, river or lake)

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An example of what your learning could look like is on the next slide.

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**Mild** 

Draw a diagram of an Iron Age hillfort.

**Hot** 

Draw a diagram of an Iron Age hillfort in the middle of a piece of paper. Add facts about hillforts around the outside.

**Flaming Hot** 

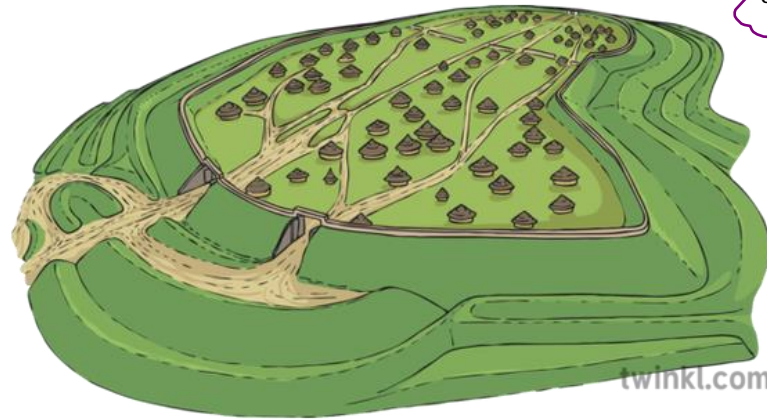
Complete the Hot challenge but colour code your facts - which are History facts and which are Geography facts?



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INCLUDE SOME FACTS ABOUT SOME OF THE HILLFORTS YOU FOUND ON THE MAP!

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How did you do?

Have you made progress in the skill of using evidence to form ideas?

Were there any other history skills we had to use?