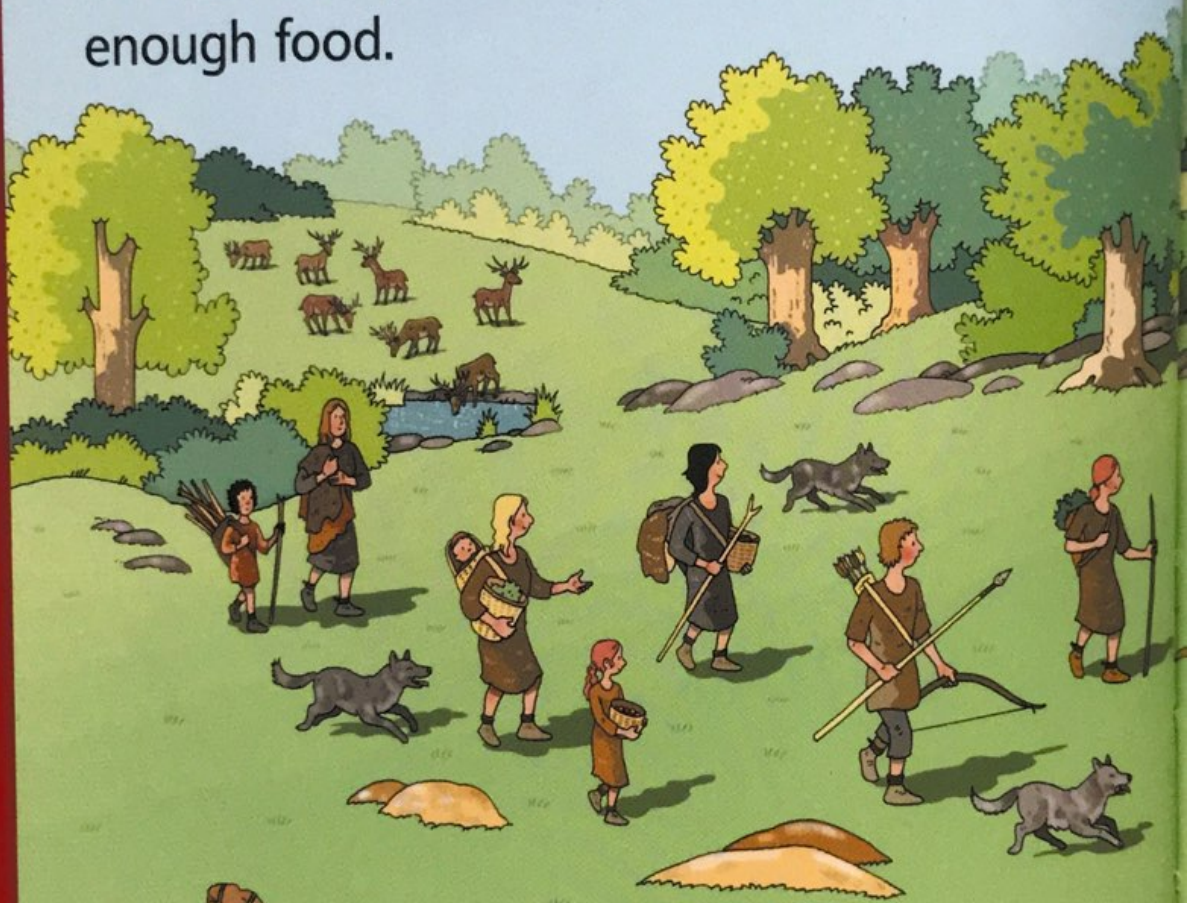


# On the move

For most of the Stone Age, people found food by gathering wild plants and hunting wild animals.

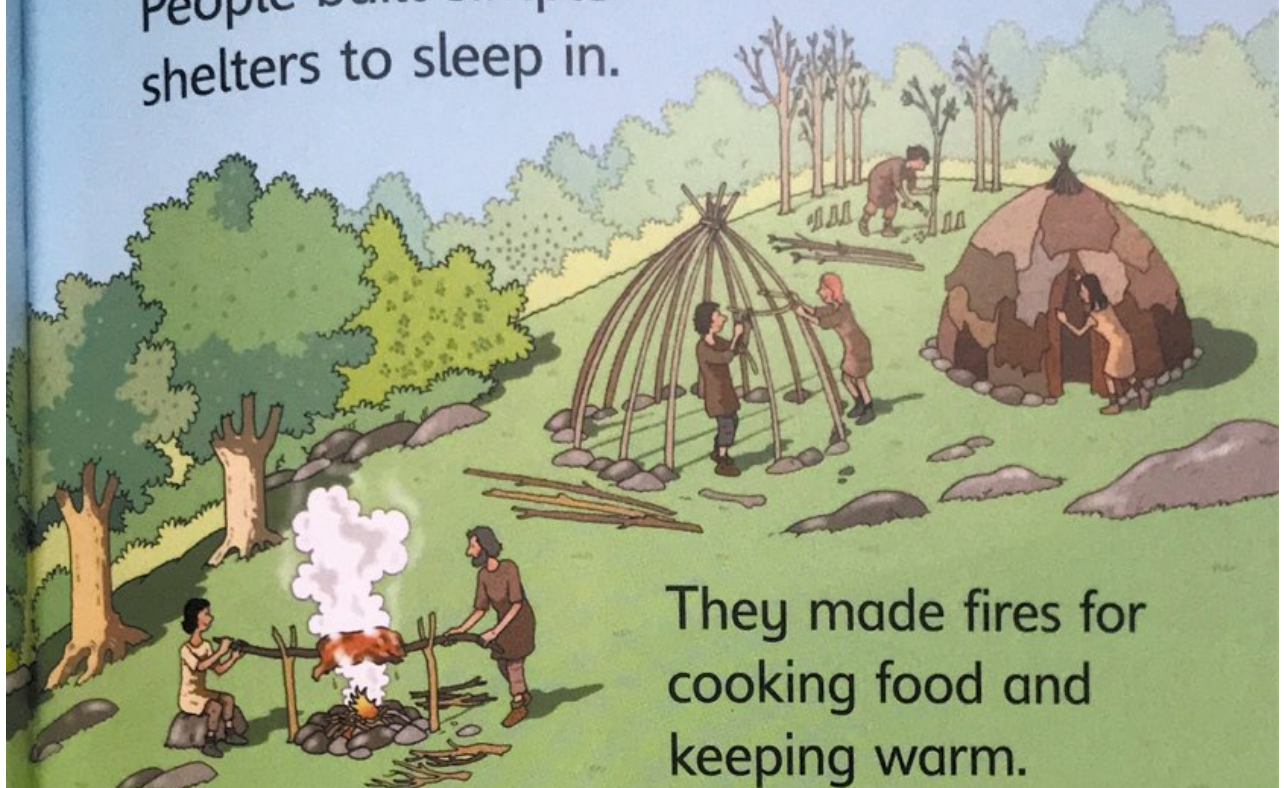
They lived in small groups. Each group moved from place to place to find enough food.



Sometimes dogs helped people to carry things.



People built simple  
shelters to sleep in.



They made fires for  
cooking food and  
keeping warm.



Tame dogs helped  
with hunting.





# Stone tools

People made many different types of tools out of stone.



Hand axes were made for cutting meat or plants.

Arrows for hunting were made with stone tips.



Scrapers were used to clean animal skins for making clothes.

Good tool makers were very important people. They sat in the warmest spot near the fire.





Each stone tool had to be hammered and chipped into shape. It was very hard work.

First, a tool maker chose a stone of the right type, shape and size.



Next, she used an even harder stone to hammer off big pieces.



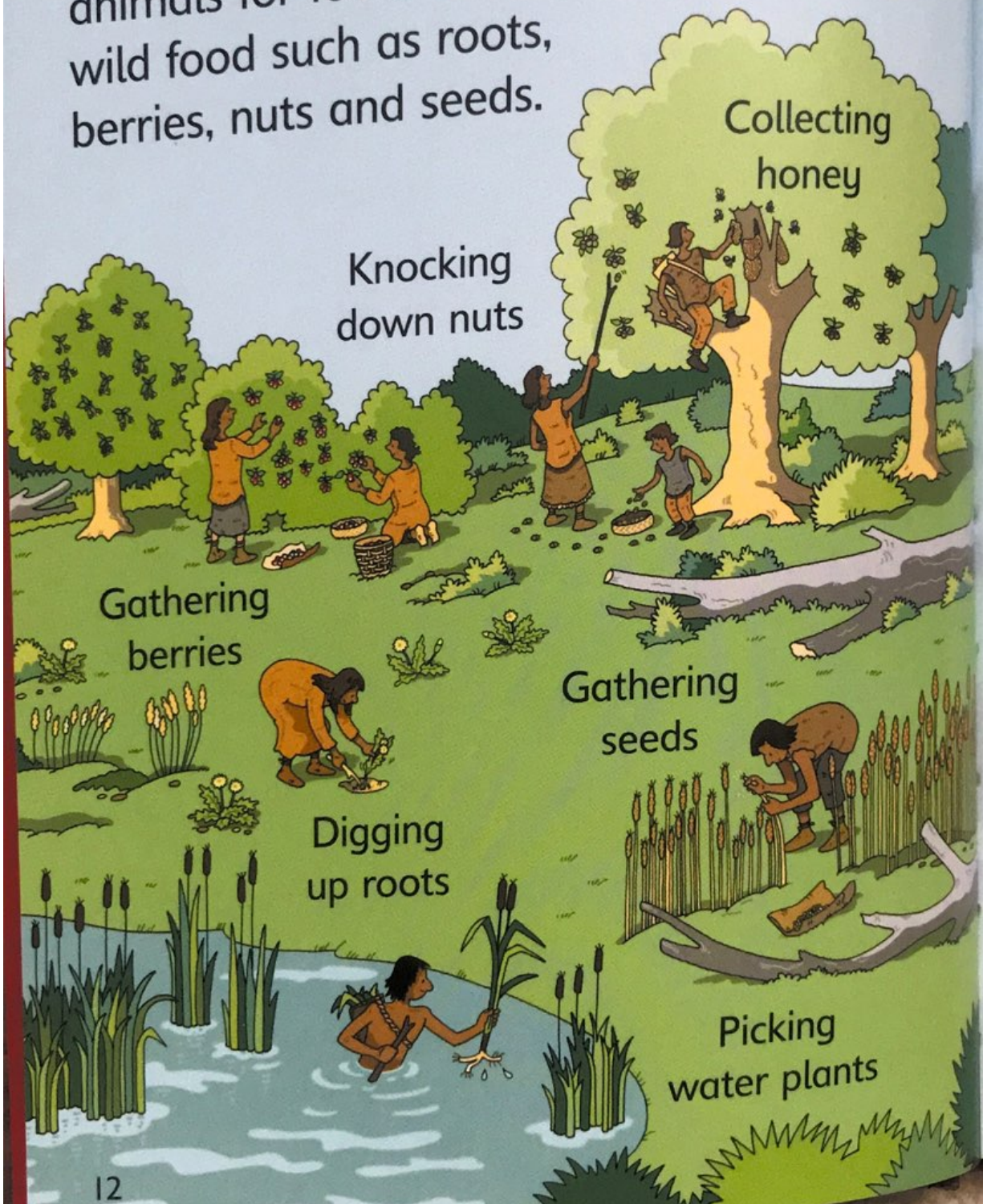
Finally, she used an antler to chip off small flakes and make a sharp edge.





# Gathering food

Stone Age people didn't just hunt animals for food. They gathered wild food such as roots, berries, nuts and seeds.





They made a type of bread from the seeds of barley or wheat.



First, they used stones to crush the seeds into a powder.



Then they mixed the powder with water to make dough.



They baked the dough on flat rocks placed on a fire.

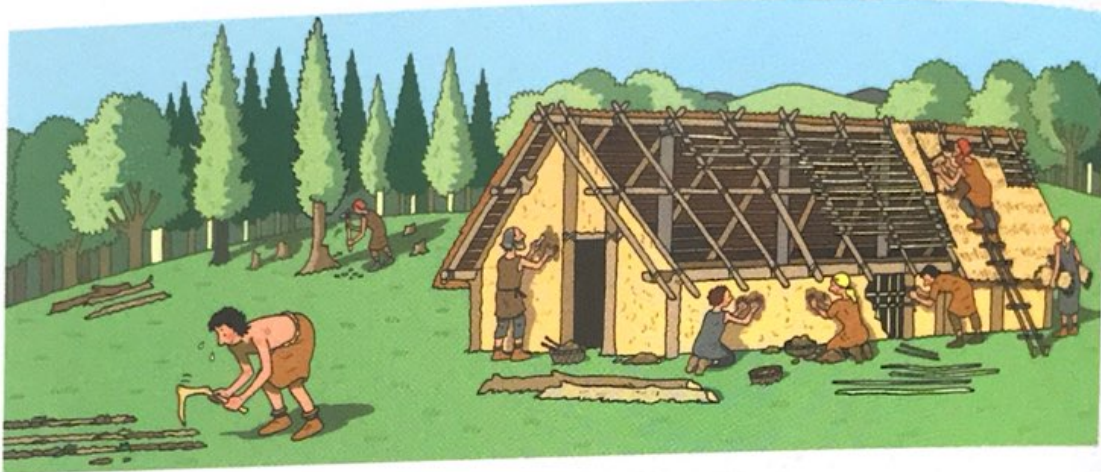
Grinding seeds took hours, and gave people very sore backs.





# Building houses

Now people were farming, they didn't need to keep moving around to find food. They stayed in one place.



They cut down trees to make fields and built big, strong houses to live in.



More and more people built fields and houses. These were the first villages.