





Photo Quiz

Have a guess at what it
is that we are looking at?

Maybe they are:

- > old buttons
- > dried fruits
- > ancient coins
- > minerals
- > pebbles

Answer:

They are cutting tools from
the Stone Age!

Notes

What do we know about the Stone Age?

- > The Stone Age ran from about 2.4 million years ago to about 12,000 years ago, which was the end of the last Ice Age. As far as we know, true humans first appeared in Africa.
- > Man did not have strong claws to help them fight. They could not out run early tigers or cave lions. The Homo habilis man is credited with inventing stone tools to help live more comfortably, and to better protect themselves against the many carnivore (meat eating) animals of the time.

Did you know?

- > The Palaeolithic Period (Old Stone Age) is distinguished by the development of the first stone tools and covers roughly 99% of human history.
- > It extends from the invention of stone tools by hominids approximately 2.4 million years ago to the development of agriculture around 12,000 years ago.
- > Traces of the Palaeolithic exist throughout the Arabian Peninsula.
- > There appears to have been a series of movements of hominids out of Africa into the peninsula during different periods coinciding with favourable climatic conditions.
- > The Palaeolithic was followed by the Neolithic (Late Stone Age) Period, which saw rapid advances in human technologies and skills, including the domestication of animals.
- > Palaeolithic stone tools collected on Jebel Barakah may well have been made from the ample supplies of raw material present in the area.
- > Five separate sites have been found, rich in stone artefacts that may date back as much as 200,000 years ago.
- > The tools made from sharp-edged flakes would be used for cutting the flesh of hunted animals and other uses.