

## Crayons in the Stone Age

Did you know that crayons have been around for	9
thousands of years? Well, not crayons, exactly. Prehistoric	17
people, however, did use special sticks to make colorful	26
drawings.	27
About two million years ago, humans did all their	36
work with stone tools. This period in prehistory is called	46
the Stone Age. People during this time were either hunters	56
or gatherers. Hunters went out and fished or hunted for	66
large animals to eat. Gatherers were in charge of collecting	76
vegetables and plants.	79
Hunting and gathering took up a lot of time, but	89
these prehistoric humans still had time for art. Stone Age	99
people created beautiful pictures on cave walls. Most of	108
these images were of animals. Maybe a hunter was	117
drawing about the animal he caught. Maybe a gatherer	126
was recording what she ate the day before. These	135
pictures could even have been a prehistoric shopping list!	144
No one is exactly sure what the drawings were for. What	155
do you think?	158