

CBSE Class Class–VI Social Science
NCERT Solutions
History Chapter 2
ON THE TRAIL OF THE EARLIEST PEOPLE

Question 1: Complete the sentences:

Answer: (a) Hunter-gatherers chose to live in caves and rock shelters because **they provided shelter from the rain, heat and wind.**

(b) Grasslands developed around **12000** years ago.

(c) Early people painted on the **walls** of caves.

(d) In Hunsgi, tools were made of **limestone.**

Question 2: Look at the present-day political map of the subcontinent on page 136. Find out the states where Bhimbetka, Hunsgi and Kurnool are located. Would Tushar's train have passed near any of these sites?

Answer: Bhimbetka - Madhya Pradesh

Hunsgi - Karnataka

Kurnool - Andhra Pradesh

Yes, Tushar's train would have passed near any of these sites.

Bhimbetka Rock shelters is world heritage site famous for its Stone age rock paintings. These are believed to be 150,000 years old. These paintings show hunter- gatherers chasing animals and birds. The main colours used for painting were red and white and occasionally ochre or iron ore and charcoal.



Question 3: Why did the hunter-gatherers travel from place to place? In what ways are

these similar to/different from the reasons for which we travel today?

Answer: The hunter-gatherers travelled from place to place for the following possible reasons:

- 1.To search for food once the available animal and plants resources had exhausted.
- 2.Animals move to one place to another place. Hunter-gathers might move to another place while hunting them.
- 3.Plants bear fruits in different seasons. They might move season to season in search of these plants and fruits.
- 4.Some Rivers and lakes are seasonal. people living near to these regions moved to other places when these area dried up.
- 5.They might travel to meet their friends and relatives.

Now-a-days people travel for different reasons. They usually travel for picnics, business purposes, meet their friends and relatives and visit places for leisure.

Question 4: What tools would you use today for cutting fruit? What would they be made of?

Answer: Now-a-days we use knives, peelers for cutting, peeling and chopping fruits. These tools are made of stainless steel with wooden or plastic handles. The modern knives are very different from stone age tools used to cut fruits. Stone age tools were made of stones with handles made up of wood or bones.

Question 5: List three ways in which hunter-gatherers used fire (see page 16). Would you use fire for any of these purposes today?

Answer: The ways hunter-gathers used fire are:

- 1.They used fire to scare away animals and in their battle for survival.
- 2.To cook and roast meat.
- 3.To warm themselves during the cold weather.
- 4.Used as as a source of light.