A Student’s Archaeological Guide to the Isles of Scilly
Hi there, kids. Welcome to ArchaeoKIDS! My name is Tom and I am an archaeologist. I will be your guide through the Isles of Scilly! (you can say it like silly!)

What’s your name?

__________________________

Being an archaeologist means that I practice archaeology (ark-ee-ah-low-gee). Do you know what archaeology is?

What do you think archaeology is? Use the next page to brainstorm some ideas!
I think that archaeology is…

When you are finished brainstorming, share your ideas with your classmates!
Now that you have some of your own ideas, let's define archaeology together...

**Archaeology** is the science that studies past human life through fossils and the monuments and tools left by ancient peoples.

Did you know that there is lots of archaeology right here in England? Can you name an example?

So how does an **archaeologist** practice **archaeology**?

Archaeologists like Tom study ancient human life and culture by finding and examining evidence of these cultures such as *graves, buildings, tools, and pottery*.

Can you name a famous archaeologist?
Where are we going?

We are going to The Isles of Scilly! Do you think you can find the islands on a map?

There they are! All the way in the bottom left corner. This is called the southwest corner of England.

These Islands have a long, long history that is very important to archaeologists. Why is it so important? People have been living on these Islands for over 3,000 years! These ancient people left behind some of their things for archaeologists to find.
Archaeologists have found tools, pottery, and even bones. These artifacts have been found at two very special sites known as Bant's Carn and Halangy Down Village. I have two friends who lived during the iron age in Halangy Village. **Would you like to meet them?**

What is the *Iron Age*?

What do you think *Iron Age* people would have been like?
Meet Aelfric and Edwina

Hi! I am Aelfric!

I am Edwina! Nice to meet you!

We are from Halangy Down Village of 735 BC. Would you like to know about what life was like in a prehistoric village?

What do you think will be different about prehistoric village life from the life we live today?
Welcome to our home!

Our village is called a settlement, and there are 11 families living here. All of the families are very close here, our houses are even connected together! We live in nice homes that are made of stone and shaped like an oval.

We used decorated jars and vases made of clay to carry things like water and food. We also raised animals like cattle, sheep, pigs, and horses in order to buy and sell food, wool, and other things!

Your teacher is going to show you a picture of the archaeological remains of Halangy Down Village. Draw a picture of what you think the village would have looked like when Aelfric and Edwina were there! Use the next page.
I think that Halangy Down Village looked like…

Hint: Ask your teacher questions about what the village might have looked like! Start by asking about the “Village Mansion”…
Bant’s Carn

Our village is very old and our ancestors have been on these Islands for a very long time!

Our parents told us that we can see where our ancestors of the Bronze Age lived just up the hill at Bant’s Carn!

Bant's Carn is a type of grave called an entrance grave because it is like a cave that you can enter. Archaeologists have found both bones and decorated pottery at Bant’s Carn. We think that this means that our ancestors had special traditions associated with burials.
Bant’s Carn is a very special kind of tomb called an entrance grave. That means it is like a cave that you can walk in! Ask your teacher to show you the pictures and drawing of Bant’s Carn so that you can try building your own version of an entrance grave. After you are finished with your model, draw it here!

Why do you think that Aelfric and Edwina’s ancestors would have spent so much time making one of these graves? Talk with your
You know kids, we should thank archaeologists like Tom for helping to *preserve* sites just like Halangy Down and Bant’s Carn!

*Preservation* of archaeological sites is very important. Halangy Down Village has a lot of fragile pieces of history, and if these pieces are destroyed, it is *gone forever!*
Hi, kids! Aelfric and Edwina need your help! The evil Mr. Jones is going to tear down the remains of Aelfric and Edwina’s home so that he can build a store for himself.

**Will you help Aelfric and Edwina save their home?**

You will help? Yipee!

Thank you, friend!
Let’s get started!
Alright, kids. Here is what we have to do – we have to tell Mr. Jones all of the important things that we have learned about Halangy Down Village and Bant’s Carn!

Don’t forget to tell Mr. Jones why you think it is important for us to preserve these sites! Use the next page to write down everything you will tell Mr. Jones!

HURRY!
I think Halangy Down Village is important because…

I think Bant’s Carn is important because…
TIME FOR A FIELD TRIP

Well, Tom? Were the kids able to convince Mr. Jones how important these archaeological sites are?

You bet! You did it kids! You helped preserve Halangy Down Village and Bant’s Carn! I think this means that we should pay Aelfric and Edwina a visit....