

Do you 'dig' Archaeology? Day

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Sand Pit Dig Site

The only way we can find out about prehistory is by looking at the objects that are found. Archaeologists are very careful when they are looking for finds, as how the objects are found and what they are found with can help explain what the objects are and what they were used for.

Carefully marking out a grid and digging each square in order helps to make sure that nothing is missed and carefully drawing what the find looks like and its position can help tell more of its story later on. Why not have a go at creating a dig pit at home, hiding interesting objects in it and having a go at being a mini archaeologist ?



Fill your sand pit or tray with play sand and use string to mark it out in 20cm squares



Taping the ends of the string with masking or sticky tape will hold them in place



Lay out interesting objects to find making sure they are not sharp or fragile



Use a small trowel, spade and paint brush to find the objects



Carefully excavate the objects using a paint brush



Mark on the finds sheet a drawing of what it looks like and where it was found.

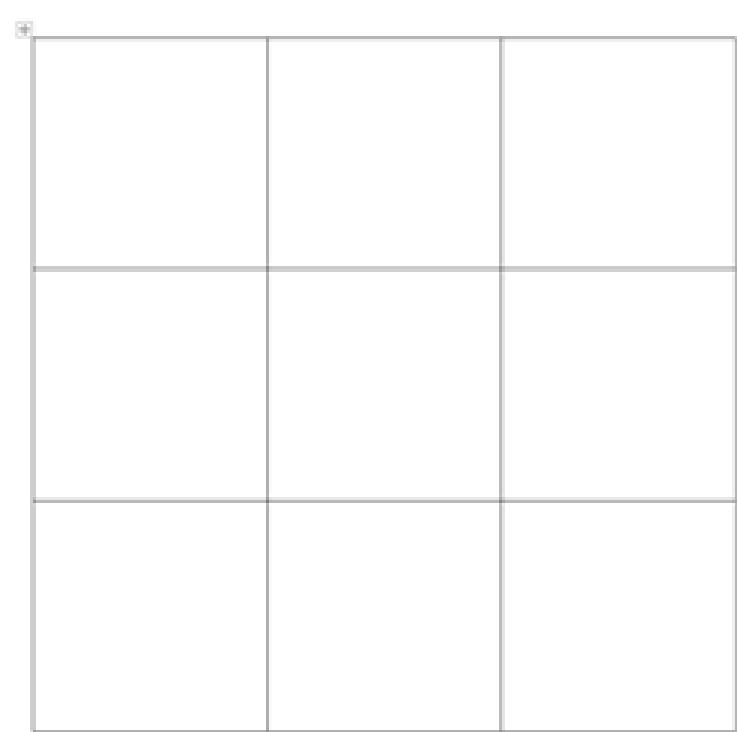


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Draw out a grid representing your sand pit and string- it should look something like this.

This is your finds sheet.



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- You will need:
- Sandpit or tray
 - Play sand
 - interesting but robust objects to dig up
 - String Paint brush/ spade/ hand trowel
 - Masking or sticky tape
 - Finds sheet
 - Pencil

