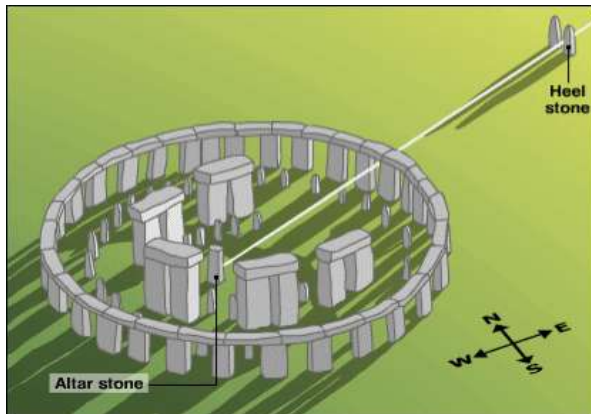


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Stonehenge is a circular group of huge stone blocks in southern England. It is near the city of Salisbury in the county of Wiltshire. People built Stonehenge in stages between 5,000 and 3,500 years ago. No-one knows why Stonehenge was built.

Vocabulary (単語):

Stonehenge = ストーンヘンジ (名)
 heel stone = ヒール石 (名)
 religious motivation = 動機づけ
 astronomy = 天文学
 burial sites = 埋葬塚
 solstice = 夏・冬至 hole = 穴
 stone = 石 block = ブロック
 county = 県 stages = 段階・時期
 worship = 礼拝 memorial = 記念
 carving = 彫刻 dead = 死んだ人たち

circular = 丸い huge = でかい
 near = 近い filled = いっぱい
 northern = 北の southern = 南の
 eastern = 東の western = 西の

build = 造る was built = 造られた
 rises = あがる

Grammar (文法):

rocks used in A = Aに使われた石
 between A and B = AからBまでの間
 no one knows = だれも知らない
 rises through A = Aを通してあがる
 the area around A = Aの周りの場所
 are not from A = はAからのものじゃない
 was taken from A = Aから取られた

Why was Stonehenge built?

No-one knows, but there are some ideas:

Idea 1: For astronomy

On the summer solstice, the sun rises through the heel stone.

Idea 2: For worship

It was a very difficult project, so there may have been religious motivation.

Idea 3: For memorial of the dead

The area around Stonehenge is filled with burial sites.

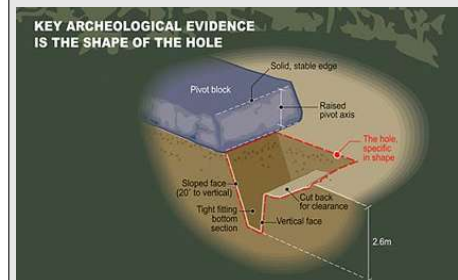


Where is it?



How was it made?

Stonehenge was made by carving stone into blocks, and placing the blocks into holes in the ground.



The rocks used in Stonehenge are not from Salisbury. In fact, the stone was taken from the Preseli Hills in western Wales.

