

Modern humans – *Homo sapiens* - (Knowing Man)



Height: 1.4 – 1.8 Metres

Weight: 54-65 kg

Occupied Kents Cavern: 44,000 – 5,000 years ago

Our own species, *Homo sapiens*, evolved in Africa around 150,000 years ago. Early modern humans lived in mobile groups and established extensive social networks to trade goods and exchange gifts.

These networks probably developed for the purpose of securing future favours when times were hard. And it seems that times were indeed hard for some of the first modern humans

The oldest remains of *Homo sapiens* ever found in North-Western Europe come from Kents Cavern in the form of a small piece of human jawbone known as KC4. It was found during excavations in 1927 in the first Vestibule chamber of the cave system.

