



Roman Vindolanda

Was life really so terrible? A Soldier's Life

Professor Knowall said:

It was terrible living here in Roman times. The soldiers lived in tents and they had only a stream to wash in. Everyone was squashed in together. They had no heating, apart from a fire in the open - and that was the same for them all, even the commander.



Your task is to find evidence to prove whether Professor Knowall is right or wrong. Hunt around the fort and museum to find evidence. Then write down your ideas on this chart.

Professor Knowall's ideas	Evidence	What does the evidence tell us about the soldiers' lives?
1. Soldiers lived in tents		
2. They washed in a stream		
3. Everyone was squashed together		
4. There was no heating		
5. Everyone lived in the same way		

SUMMARY: Was Professor Knowall right or wrong? What should he have said?