

Bottle Glass Whole

Archaeologists are always finding broken things. Most often what we find is in a fragmented form or many small pieces that we hope we can put back together. But every once in a while, we find complete artifacts and we are delighted to find complete or unbroken artifacts. When we can see something in its complete state that helps us in the correct identification of artifact. It helps us in putting together the history of that artifact and we can further interpret why the artifact is at a particular archaeology site. What role did this particular object play in the story of this site? So, we are always delighted to find complete things like soda bottles or medicine bottles. Complete artifacts put us a set ahead in the research phase of an archaeology project.

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