

History Vocabulary

EYFS		Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
before	happening earlier in time than something else	AD	Anno Domini – In the year of our Lord	ancient	belonging to the very distant past
events	things that happen or take place	BC	Before Christ	biased opinion	a piece of evidence that only tells part of a story and favours one side
long ago	in the past	beyond living memory	a time before people who are alive now can remember	cause	the reason why an event happened
past	events that happened previously in time	within living memory	a time that is remembered by people still alive	consequences	things that happen as a result of an event
present	the period of time happening now	chronological order	time order from earliest to most recent	concurrency	periods of history running alongside each other
sequence	put things in the correct order	century	100 years	continuity	things that stay the same and relatively unchanged over time
		decade	10 years	interpretation	the different ways the past is represented
		history	the study of the past	prehistoric	a period of time before written records began
		primary source	first-hand evidence from the time being studied	significance	a person, idea of event's long-lasting impact on the world
		reliable	a piece of evidence that is trustworthy		
		secondary source	second-hand evidence gathered by historians who were not there at the time of an event		
		similarity	how events of the past at a similar point are the same		

Topic-Specific History Vocabulary

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
change	bakery	change	agriculture	afterlife	Anglo-Saxons	advanced
clue	Edwardian	explorer	amphitheatre	architecture	divided	civilisation
family	embers	factory	archaeologist	Athens	independence	discrimination
first	eyewitness	journey	bronze	canopic jars	Industrial Revolution	evacuation
grow	fire hooks	local	caligae	democracy	kingdoms	evolve
growing up	flammable	navigator	Celts	government	law	invasion
next	London	railway	citizen	hieroglyphics	longship	legacy
parents	materials		conquest	legacy	monastery	prejudice
photograph	modern		emperor	mummification	native	propaganda
season	new		excavate	Olympics	transport	rationing
yesterday	old		flint	papyrus	Vikings	refugee
	River Thames		hunter-gatherer	pharaoh		resistance
	technology		legion	philosophy		trade
	Victorian		rebellion	sarcophagus		
			Roman Empire	Sparta		
			settlement			
			tribe			
			tunic			