

Childhood

We can learn a lot about the past by finding out what it was like to be a child years ago and comparing it to what it is like today.

Artefacts

An artefact is an object from the past. Museums often display historical artefacts. Artefacts can tell us about how people used to live. Everyday objects like baby bottles, clothing, toys and books can tell us about childhood in the past.



Victorian baby bottle



Wood and metal pram



Wooden rocking horse



Child's storybook



teddy bear



glass marbles

Stages of human life

There are six stages of human life.

At each stage people have different roles, responsibilities and lifestyles.



baby



toddler



child



teenager



adult



elderly

Important life events

Important life events include birthdays, religious festivals or family celebrations. Some life events happen every year and some happen at certain stages of human life.

Birthdays happen every year



Weddings happen when two adults get married.



Retirement happens when an elderly person leaves work.



The 1950s

The 1950s were different from today.



There were few supermarkets in the 1950s, so shoppers had to visit many different small shops to get their shopping.



Most people listened to the radio because television was very new then and there were very few programmes.



Children played out in the street. The roads were very quiet as there were not many cars.



Many men worked in coal yards, factories and shipyards. Some women worked in the 1950s but many stopped when they got married.

Changes over time

The way people use land changes over time. For example, in the 1950s there were fewer cars, so fewer roads were needed. Today lots of people have cars, so there are many more roads for people to drive on and driveways for parking.



A street in the 1950s.

Glossary

artefact An object from the past that tells us something about how people used to live.

childhood Time in a person's life when they are a child.

housewife An old-fashioned for a married woman who stays at home and looks after the house and children.

museum A place that people can visit that contains important objects linked to science, art or history.

past Something that has already happened.

present Something that is happening now.

today On this day.



A street today.