

EYFS history vocabulary list

A long time ago
Change
Day
Month
Now/then
Old/new
Past
Same/different
Season
Today
Tomorrow
Traditional
Week
Year
Yesterday

KS1 history vocabulary list

(Topic specific key vocab on knowledge organisers)

Achievement	Something that has been accomplished by working hard
Ancient	Very old or has existed for a long time
Compare	Identifying similarities or differences between two or more things
Contribution	To give or supply something such as money or time
Different	Not the same
Future	A time that is to come
History	The study of the past
Memorial	Something that honours a person/people who have died
Modern	Something that relates to present or recent time
Past	A time that has already happened
Present	A time that is happening now
Remembrance	The act of remembering
Significant	A person, place or thing that is important
Similar	Having the same or some things in common
Timeline	A tool that shows the order in which events happened

KS2 history vocabulary list – Year 3 and 4 (building on KS1)

(Topic specific key vocab on knowledge organisers)

Ancient	Of or from a very long time ago
Archaeologist	A person who studies the past by examining objects from ancient times
Artefact	Objects that give us information about life in the past
BC/AD	Before Christ/ Anno Domini (years after Jesus was born)
BCE/CE	Before Common Era/ Common Era
Century	A time period of 100 years
Chronological	The order in which things happen
Decade	A time period of 10 years
Enquiry	A question you ask in order to get information
Era	A period of history
Evidence	Something that is used to support an argument e.g. to prove whether it is true or false
Invasion	To enter a place in order to take control of it
Millennium	A time period of 1000 years
Period	A section of time with a set beginning and end
Prehistoric	A period in time before written history
Primary source	An original, first-hand record of an event
Secondary source	Interprets or summarises information from primary sources (somebody else's research)
Settlement	The action of people coming together to live in an area
Timeline	A tool that displays events in the order they happened

KS2 history vocabulary list – Year 5 and 6 (building on year 3 / 4)

(Topic specific key vocab on knowledge organisers)

Accuracy	A lack of mistakes or errors
Biased	A personal opinion for or against a person, group or idea that is not based on fact
Cause	The reason for why something happens
Census	A survey that records the population of an area, as well as other information about the people
Concurrence	When two or more things are happening at the same time
Consequence	A result of a particular action or situation
Continuity	Something continuing for a long period of time without being changed
Interpret	To decide on or explain the meaning of something to make sense of it
Justify	To prove or show something to be reasonable
Opinion	A persons belief or judgement that cannot be proved
Reliable	To be trusted
Significance	Being or causing something of importance