

# Childhood

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

### Key questions

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## Stages of human life

There are six stages of human life.



baby



toddler



child



teenager



adult

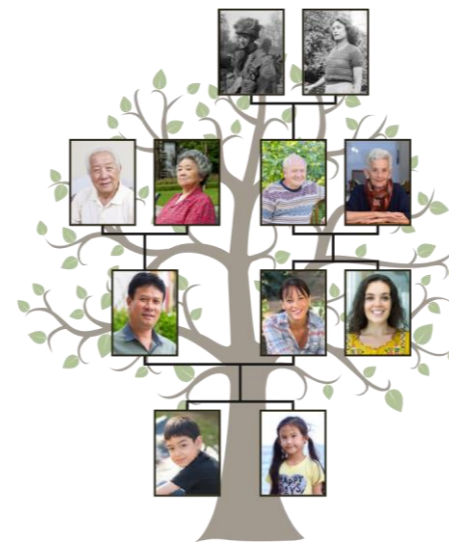


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At each stage, people have different needs, responsibilities and lifestyles.

## Family tree

A family tree is a diagram that shows someone's family. The oldest family members are at the top of the tree and the youngest are at the bottom. Every family tree looks



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different because no two families are the same.

## 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.

### 1 - What are the stages of life?



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Retirement happens when an elderly person leaves work.

## The 1950s

The 1950s were different from today.



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



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

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



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Many men worked in coal mines, factories and shipyards. Some women worked in the 1950s but many became housewives

when they got married.

## Coronation of Elizabeth II

A coronation is a ceremony where the crown is placed on the head of the new king or queen. Elizabeth II is the Queen of the United Kingdom. The coronation of Elizabeth II took place on 2nd June 1953 at Westminster Abbey, London. Many people celebrated the coronation by holding street parties.



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Queen Elizabeth II on Street party to celebrate her Coronation. the coronation.

**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.



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A street in the 1950s.



A street today.

### 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 name 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 history, science or art.

**past** Something that has already happened.

**present** Something that is happening now.

**today** On this day.

**Victorian** Victorian times were the years between 1837 and 1901 when Queen Victoria was Queen of the United Kingdom.

