

Vocabulary

1 Victorians	the name we give to people who lived during the reign of Queen Victoria 1837 - 1901	7 entertainment	something that provide amusement or enjoyment during free time e.g. music, films
2 Edwardians	the name we give to people who lived during the reign of Edward VII 1901 - 1910	8 silent film	At first, films did not have any sound. Sound was included from the late 1920s onwards.
3 century	100 years	9 wireless	a word for a radio
4 decade	10 years	10 broadcast	a programme on the radio (and later, the television)
5 era	a particular time in history	11 gramophone	a machine for playing sound recordings which did not need electricity (later replaced by a record player)
6 leisure	free time	12 projector	a device for showing films on a screen

Key knowledge

The 20th century was a century where massive progress was made. In a century when Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first controlled flight (1903), humans also landed on the Moon (1969). Telephones were not common in homes until the 1960s but just over 30 years later people had mobile phones.

There were two World Wars

First World War 1914-1918

Second World War 1939-1945

The 20th Century was a time of many inventions including: the use of radium for cancer treatment (Marie Curie 1900s onwards), the television (1920s), the discovery of antibiotics (Alexander Fleming in 1928), and the World Wide Web (Tim Berners-Lee in 1989).