

How has life changed since the 1950s?

The 1950s were very different from today.



There were not many big supermarkets.

Television was rare so people listened to the radio.



Children played in the street and there were few cars.



Many men worked in coalmines.

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.

Vocabulary

Past	Something that has already happened.
Present	Something that is happening now.
Artefact	An object from the past that tells us something about the past.
Childhood	Time in a person's life when they are a child.

A timeline helps us know when events happened and put things in chronological order.

1950

1960

1970

1980

1990

2000

2010

2020

We can use artefacts to find out more about the past and about how people used to live. An artefact is an object from the past. Museums often display historical artefacts.



Victorian baby bottle



wood and metal pram



wooden rocking horse



child's storybook



teddy bear



glass marbles

What significant event happened in 1953?

In 1953, Queen Elizabeth II was crowned at Westminster Abbey, London. Many people celebrated the coronation by holding street parties.



Queen Elizabeth II on her coronation.



Street party to celebrate the coronation.