



1950s Britain



Key Vocabulary	
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
past	Something that has already happened
present	Something that is happening now
Christening	a ceremony in which a baby is made a member of the Christian church
coronation	a ceremony where a monarch is officially crowned
monarch	a king or queen



There were few **supermarkets** in the 1950s, so shoppers had to visit many different small **shops** to get what they needed.



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



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



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




A street in the 1950s.




A street today.


Artefacts




Victorian baby bottle




wood and metal pram




wooden rocking horse



child's storybook




teddy bear




glass marbles

Coronation of Elizabeth II

The coronation of Elizabeth II took place on 2nd June 1953 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.