

History

Vocabulary progression

Mixed-Age

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Overview - Vocabulary progression

Chronological awareness		
Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
future memory past present Timeline event (beyond) living memory (3) history lifetime period	AD (3) age BC (3) chronological date prehistory (3) sequence ancient era (3) modern	century (3) decade (3)

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Historical enquiry		
Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6

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Disciplinary concept

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Substantive (abstract) concepts

	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Power (monarchy, government and Empire)	king (1) monarchy power queen (1) ruler	emperor (3) empire government law kingdom sovereign	heir democracy parliament state tyrant legislation (3) politics suffrage (3)
Achievements and follies of mankind	explorer discovery inventor	legacy achievement technology	advancement
Invasion, settlement and migration	war	border conquer expand invasion settlement decline occupation/occupy territory	raid alliance (3) conflict emigration evacuation immigration migration refugee (3)

Substantive (abstract) concepts

	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Civilisation (social and cultural)	n/a	civilisation hygiene leisure apprentice childhood class master poorer poverty servant wealthier working conditions	citizen enslaved (3) enslaver (3) ethics cultural exchange (3) culture hierarchy noble (3) occupation peasant (3) society
Trade	n/a	goods trade export import barter currency	exchange merchant trade route tax

Substantive (abstract) concepts

	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Beliefs	n/a	beliefs ceremony myth religion afterlife convert creation gods/goddesses missionary monastery pope ritual sacred	n/a

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