

affluent

Having a lot of money.

boarding school

A school where students live for part of the year whilst studying.

butler

A male servant in a wealthy household. Usually in charge of the dining room, wine cellar and pantry.

Charles Dickens

An English writer, famous for writing books and plays such as *A Christmas Carol* and *Oliver Twist*.

coal

A black, sedimentary rock which is used as a fuel.

crime

An action which is punishable by law.

descendant

A person that is descended from a particular ancestor.

domestic

Relates to a household or family.

Emmeline Pankhurst

A British political activist and leader of the suffragette movement.

factory

A place where goods are manufactured.

Florence Nightingale

An English social reformer who is most well known as the founder of modern nursing.

footman

A male servant whose duties may have included polishing silver, serving meals or opening and closing doors.



Industrial Revolution

The rapid development of industry that took place during the late 1700s and early 1800s, brought about by the introduction of machinery.

invention

A new creation.

limerick

Five-line poetry with a strict rhyme scheme of AABBA.

maid

A female servant whose duties may have included cleaning, cooking, washing, lighting fires and serving refreshments.

mill

A building equipped with machinery to grind or crush solid substances, such as grain into flour.

mine

A large hole made in the earth to extract minerals such as coal.

pick pocket

A thief who steals from people’s pockets.

posser

A tool used to mix laundry while handwashing.

poverty

The state of being extremely poor.

prime minister

The head of the government.

Prince Albert

The husband of Queen Victoria.

punishment

Inflicting a consequence as a result of someone’s wrongdoing.



Queen

A female ruler.

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Sir Robert Peel

A social reformer who championed prison reforms and supported the Poor Laws.

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slum

An overcrowded area where poor people live.

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social reformer

Someone who tries to reform a certain area of society.

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steam power

Power that is generated by steam.

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suffragette

A woman who campaigned for the right for women to vote.

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The Great Exhibition

The first international exhibition of manufactured products, held in 1851.

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Victorian

Relating to the era in which Queen Victoria reigned.

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washboard

A tool used to remove dirt during handwashing.

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William Morris

An influential Victorian artist, craftsman, designer and retailer.

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workhouse

Where poor people used to work and live, typically in bad conditions.

