# 2 It's all in the past

## Glossary

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**2.1**   **exhibit** (n) /ɪɡˈzɪbɪt/
an object of interest in a museum ● *Greek and Roman statues are among the most beautiful exhibits in the Louvre Museum.* ➢ exhibit (v), exhibition (n) ❖ mostra, esposizione

**2.2**   **anthropology** (n) /ˌænθrəˈpɒlədʒi/
the study of the physical and cultural development of humans ● *Jamie is researching the development of early humans for his degree in anthropology.* ➢ anthropological (adj), anthropologist (n) ❖ antropologia

**2.3**   **ancestor** (n) /ˈænsestə(r)/
a person in a family who lived a long time ago ● *My ancestors from my grandfather's family lived in France until the 16ᵗʰ century.* ❖ avo ✎ Opp: descendant

**2.4**   **influence** (v) /ˈɪnflʊəns/
make sb agree and do what you want ● *The weather can influence our mood and make us feel happy or depressed.* ➢ influence (n), influential (adj) ❖ influenzare

## Reading  Pages 18–19

**2.5**   **historian** (n) /hɪˈstɔːriən/
sb who studies history and is an expert on it ● *A famous historian is going to present his book about ancient Troy.* ➢ history (n), historic, historical (adj) ❖ storico

**2.6**   **residence** (n) /ˈrezɪdəns/
a home ● *Buckingham Palace is the residence of the British Royal Family.* ➢ resident (n), reside (v), resident, residential (adj) ❖ residenza

**2.7**   **emperor** (n) /ˈempərə(r)/
a man who rules an empire ● *The Roman emperor Hadrian greatly admired the ancient Greek civilisation.* ➢ empire (n), imperial (adj) ❖ imperatore

**2.8**   **dynasty** (n) /ˈdɪnəsti/
a family of kings and queens who have controlled a country for many years ● *The Ming dynasty ruled China for almost three centuries.* ❖ dinastia

**2.9**   **inescapable** (adj) /ˌɪnɪsˈkeɪpəbl/
impossible to escape, bound to happen ● *The end of the empire was inescapable from the moment the war began.* ➢ escape (v, n) ❖ inevitabile

**2.10**   **consequence** (n) /ˈkɒnsəkwens/
a result of sth ● *If you don't follow the king's orders, you'll have to face the consequences of your actions.* ➢ consequently (adj) ❖ conseguenza

**2.11**   **connect** (v) /kəˈnekt/
relate; show that things are related ● *The development of road networks in Britain was connected with the Roman invasion.* ➢ connection (n) ❖ connettere

**2.12**   **take a long view (of)** (expr) /teɪk ə lɒŋ vjuː (əv)/
think about the possible future effects of something, not just the immediate result ● *If you take a long view, think of your studies as an investment for your future work opportunities.* ❖ pensare in prospettiva

**2.13**   **complex** (adj) /ˈkɒmpleks/
complicated; not simple ● *Complex electronic equipment is used to find the age of archaeological discoveries.* ➢ complexity (n) ❖ complesso

**2.14**   **individual** (n) /ˌɪndɪˈvɪdʒuəl/
a person ● *Each individual has a right to their own opinions.* ➢ individual (adj), individuality (n) ❖ individuo

**2.15**   **version** (n) /ˈvɜːʃn/
a copy of sth that has been changed so it is a little different ● *There are two versions of the history book – one for teenagers and one for young children.* ❖ versione

**2.16**   **genome** (n) /ˈdʒiːnəʊm/
a set of genes in a living thing or cell ● *We are constantly discovering more about the human genome and how our body works.* ❖ genoma

**2.17**   **evolve** (v) /ɪˈvɒlv/
develop ● *Medical science has evolved rapidly through the use of technology.* ➢ evolution (n), evolutionary (adj) ❖ evolvere

**2.18**   **entire** (adj) /ɪnˈtaɪə(r)/
whole ● *He spent his entire life looking for the lost city of Atlantis.* ➢ entirely (adv) ❖ intero

**2.19**   **requirement** (n) /rɪˈkwaɪəmənt/
sth that sb says you must have in order to do sth ● *Two years' experience is a minimum requirement for the job.* ➢ require (v) ❖ requisito

**2.20** **field** (n) /fiːld/
the specialist area of work or study sb is involved in ● *She works in the field of microbiology and studies blood samples.* ❖ campo

**2.21** **on the contrary** (phr) /ɒn ðə ˈkɒntrəri/
used to introduce an opposite point of view ● *I expected to enjoy the book. On the contrary, I found the plot rather predictable.* ❖ al contrario, invece

**2.22** **context** (n) /ˈkɒntekst/
the circumstances in which sth is said or done ● *The book* Jane Eyre *was written in the context of nineteenth-century England.* ❖ contesto

**2.23** **cliché** (n) /ˈkliːʃeɪ/
a phrase or idea that has been used too often to be interesting ● *I'm fed up with hearing the old cliché 'time flies'.* ❖ cliché

**2.24** **ignore** (v) /ɪgˈnɔː(r)/
not pay attention to sb/sth ● *Alex can sometimes make silly comments. Just ignore him.* ❖ ignorare

**2.25** **circumstances** (n pl) /ˈsɜːkəmstənsɪz/
the conditions and things happening at a particular time and in a particular place ● *The company closed due to a series of unfortunate circumstances.* ❖ circostanze

**2.26** **analyse** (v) /ˈænəlaɪz/
examine or investigate sth closely to find out more details about it ● *Historians are still analysing the probable causes of the end of the Minoan civilisation.* ➢ analysis, analyst (n), analytical (adj) ❖ analizzare

**2.27** **question** (v) /ˈkwestʃən/
be doubtful about the value or truth of sth ● *Some historians still question the theories about how the Pyramids of Giza were built.* ➢ question (n) ❖ mettere in dubbio

**2.28** **perception** (n) /pəˈsepʃn/
understanding; belief or opinion ● *Her perception of learning has changed since she took the course.* ➢ perceive (v), perceptive (adj) ❖ percezione

**2.29** **fake news** (n) /ˌfeɪk ˈnjuːz/
false information that is presented as news, usually online ● *There's so much fake news around on social media that people don't know what to believe.* ❖ fake news

**2.30** **phenomenon** (n) /fəˈnɒmɪnən/
a fact or event in nature or society, usually one not fully understood ● *Friendship is a complex phenomenon, which is not fully understood.* ➢ phenomenal (adj) ❖ fenomeno ✎ Plural: phenomena

**2.31** **regardless of** (phr) /rɪˈgɑːdləs ɒv/
no matter ● *Regardless of where we live, we are all affected by the weather.* ❖ indipendemente

**2.32** **specialise** (v) /ˈspeʃəlaɪz/
focus on a particular subject and become an expert in it ● *After completing his studies in IT, he specialised in gaming development.* ➢ specialist (n, adj) ❖ specializzarsi

**2.33** **operate** (v) /ˈɒpəreɪt/
work; function ● *The election process operates differently in each country.* ➢ operation, operator (n) ❖ funzionare

**2.34** **economic** (adj) /ˌiːkəˈnɒmɪk/
relating to business and money ● *The new government promises to improve the country's economic situation.* ➢ economy, economist, economics (n), economical (adj) ❖ economico

**LOOK!**

Notice the difference between the words *economic* and *economical*.
*The cost of building the royal palace added to the country's **economic** problems.* (= related to the economy)
*Natural gas provides an **economical** source of energy.* (= which doesn't waste money)

**2.35** **foundation** (n) /faʊnˈdeɪʃn/
basis ● *The meeting laid the foundation for peace between the two countries.* ❖ fondamenta

**2.36** **justify** (v) /ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪ/
explain or prove a good reason for ● *The politician was asked to justify the amount he had spent on decorating his home.* ➢ justification (n) ❖ giustificare

**2.37** **very** (adj) /ˈveri/
actual ● *The elections are taking place at this very moment.* ❖ preciso

**2.38** **existence** (n) /ɪgˈzɪstəns/
the state of being real ● *The existence of the unknown Amazonian tribe was discovered by an explorer.* ➢ exist (v) ❖ esistenza

**2.39** **dismiss** (v) /dɪsˈmɪs/
reject ● *In the past, many people dismissed the idea that the Earth is round!* ➢ dismissal (n) ❖ rifiutare

**2.40** **foolish** (adj) /ˈfuːlɪʃ/
silly ● *It would be foolish to travel in this snowstorm.* ➢ fool (n) ❖ insensato

**2.41** **indulgence** (n) /ɪnˈdʌldʒəns/
doing or having whatever you like (even if it isn't necessary); letting sb else do or have whatever they like ● *At the end of the stressful project, she enjoyed a few days' indulgence at a holiday resort.* ➢ indulge (v) ❖ indulgenza

**2.42** **worthless** (adj) /ˈwɜːθləs/
without value or of no use ● *The painting looks like a Picasso, but it's just a worthless copy.* ➢ worth (n) ❖ inutile

**2.43** **fascination** (n) /ˌfæsɪˈneɪʃn/
a strong interest in sth ● *Her fascination with nature has led her to become an explorer.*
➢ fascinate (v), fascinating, fascinated (adj)
❖ fascino, fascinazione

**2.44** **vanished** (adj) /ˈvænɪʃd/
which has disappeared or no longer exists
● *The Aztec temple ruins are all that remain of a vanished civilisation.* ➢ vanish (v)
❖ svanito

**2.45** **bunk** (n) /bʌŋk/
nonsense; false information ● *I don't believe this article. It seems like a load of bunk!*
➢ debunk (v) ❖ fesseria

**2.46** **misguided** (adj) /ˌmɪsˈgaɪdɪd/
wrong because you're mistaken ● *The health advice given on some websites is misguided and could be dangerous.* ➢ misguide (v), misguidedly (adv) ❖ errato

**2.47** **enhance** (v) /ɪnˈhɑːns/
improve ● *The projection of 3D videos at the archaeological site is going to enhance the visitors' experience.* ➢ enhancement (n)
❖ migliorare

**2.48** **interact** (v) /ˌɪntərˈækt/
communicate with each other, do things together, etc. ● *Knowledge of the language is essential if you want to interact with the locals.*
➢ interactive (adj), interaction (n)
❖ interagire

**2.49** **impact** (n) /ˈɪmpækt/
having a strong effect on sb/sth ● *The consequences of Covid-19 have had an impact on most people's lives.* ➢ impact (v)
❖ impatto

**2.50** **conflict** (n) /ˈkɒnflɪkt/
serious disagreement or fighting ● *Access to natural resources has been a source of conflict between nations for centuries.* ➢ conflict (v), conflicting (adj) ❖ conflitto

**2.51** **class** (n) /klɑːs/
level of importance in a society; category
● *Most of the country's wealth belongs to the upper class.* ➢ class (v) ❖ classe

**2.52** **wealth** (n) /welθ/
riches ● *The rich family used their wealth to build a new cultural centre.* ➢ wealthy (adj)
❖ patrimonio

**2.53** **property** (n) /ˈprɒpəti/
a building or buildings and/or land; possessions ● *She invested her savings in commercial property.* ❖ proprietà

**2.54** **labour** (n) /ˈleɪbə(r)/
work done by people, often involving physical effort ● *Working on a building site involves hard labour.* ❖ manodopera

**2.55** **challenge** (n) /ˈtʃæləndʒ/
questioning whether sth is valid or legal ● *The researchers' findings present a challenge to existing beliefs.* ➢ challenge (v), challenging (adj) ❖ sfida

**2.56** **identical** (adj) /aɪˈdentɪkl/
exactly the same ● *The content of the two websites was identical, so one was clearly copied from the other.* ❖ identico

**2.57** **concern** (n) /kənˈsɜːn/
a worry ● *Fake news is a matter for public concern.* ➢ concern (v), concerned (adj)
❖ preoccupazione

**2.58** **relate to (sb)** (phr v) /rɪˈleɪt tə ˈ(sʌmbədi)/
be able to understand and have sympathy with (sb) ● *I can relate to his problem because I've been in a similar situation.*
❖ relazionarsi

# Vocabulary **Page 20**

**2.59** **armour** (n) /ˈɑːmə(r)/
protective metal clothing worn by soldiers in the past ● *The brave prince put on his armour to go into battle.* ➢ armoured (adj)
❖ armatura

**2.60** **aristocrat** (n) /ˈærɪstəkræt/
a person of high social class ● *Modern aristocrats use titles like 'duke', 'earl' and 'baron'.* ➢ aristocratic (adj), aristocracy (n)
❖ aristocratico

**2.61** **medieval times** (n pl) /ˌmediˈiːvl taɪmz/
the Middle Ages; the years from about 1000 to 1450 ● *The castle was built during medieval times in 1256.* ❖ epoca medievale

**2.62** **sword** (n) /sɔːd/
a weapon like a large heavy knife ● *Charlie has a big collection of medieval swords.*
❖ spada

**2.63** **shield** (n) /ʃiːld/
sth used as protection against weapons or damage ● *The Roman soldiers marched forward holding up their shields in front of them.* ➢ shield (v) ❖ scudo

**2.64** **battlefield** (n) /ˈbætlˌfiːld/
a place where a fight takes place between armies ● *Waterloo is a battlefield in Belgium, where Napoleon was defeated.* ➢ battle (n, v)
❖ campo di battaglia

**2.65** **archaeologist** (n) /ɑːkiˈɒlədʒɪst/
sb who studies the past by examining ruins and objects found in the ground ● *The German archaeologist, Heinrich Schliemann, explored the ancient site of Knossos in Crete.*
➢ archaeology (n), archaeological (adj)
❖ archeologo

**2.66**  **warrior** (n) /ˈwɒrɪə(r)/
a fighter; a soldier ● *The warriors fought with swords and shields.* ➣ war (n) ❖ guerriero

**2.67**  **the Bronze Age** (n) /ðə ˈbrɒnz eɪdʒ/
the period in history characterised by the use of the metal bronze to make tools and weapons after the end of the Stone Age over 5,000 years ago ● *The museum exhibits include metal cooking pots and plates from the Bronze Age.* ❖ età del bronzo

**2.68**  **empire** (n) /ˈempaɪə(r)/
all the countries under the control of one ruler ● *The Roman Empire stretched across most of Europe.* ➣ emperor (n), imperial (adj) ❖ impero

**2.69**  **revolution** (n) /revəˈluːʃən/
a time when there is a violent change of a political system ● *The French Revolution took place from 1789 to 1799.* ➣ revolt (v), revolutionary (adj) ❖ rivoluzione

**2.70**  **civil war** (n) /ˌsɪvl ˈwɔː(r)/
a time when there is a violent change of a political system ● *The last Incan emperor was killed in 1533 by the Spanish after the Incan Civil War.* ❖ guerra civile

**2.71**  **campaign** (n) /kamˈpeɪn/
a group of planned activities that have a specific purpose ● *The political parties have begun their campaigns to win the election.* ❖ campagna

**2.72**  **firearm** (n) /ˈfaɪərɑːm/
a gun ● *When he joined the army, he learnt to hold a firearm to shoot at a target.* ❖ armi da fuoco

**2.73**  **bow** (n) /bəʊ/
a long thin piece of wood or metal bent into a curve with a string joining each end, used to fire arrows ● *Robin Hood lifted his bow and shot an arrow at the deer.* ❖ arco

**2.74**  **monument** (n) /ˈmɒnjʊmənt/
an old building which is an important part of a country's history ● *The Tower of London is a famous monument.* ❖ monumento

**2.75**  **demonstration** (n) /demənˈstreɪʃn/
a public gathering of people showing their disapproval or unhappiness about sth ● *After the new political measures were announced, the students held a demonstration outside the government offices.* ➣ demonstrate (v), demonstrator (n) ❖ dimostrazione

**2.76**  **rebellion** (n) /rɪˈbeljən/
a violent action by a group of people who want to change their country's ruling system ● *After long discussions between the king and the rebels' leader, the rebellion came to an end.* ➣ rebel (v), rebel (n), rebellious (adj) ❖ ribellione

**2.77**  **prehistoric** (adj) /ˌpriːhɪˈstɒrɪk/
from a time before human history ● *Dinosaurs lived on Earth in prehistoric times.* ➣ prehistory (n) ❖ preistorico

**2.78**  **contemporary** (adj) /kənˈtempərəri/
modern ● *Graffiti is a type of contemporary art.* ❖ contemporaneo

**2.79**  **kingdom** (n) /ˈkɪŋdəm/
a country or region ruled by a king or queen ● *Queen Cleopatra ruled the kingdom of Egypt.* ❖ regno

**2.80**  **monarchy** (n) /ˈmɒnəki/
a method of government led by a king or queen ● *Queen Elizabeth II became the head of the British monarchy in 1952.* ➣ monarch (n) ❖ monarchia

**2.81**  **imperial** (adj) /ɪmˈpɪəriəl/
belonging to or connected with an empire or emperor ● *The emperor's family lived in the imperial palace.* ➣ empire, emperor, empress (n) ❖ imperiale

**2.82**  **presidential** (adj) /ˌprezɪˈdenʃl/
belonging to or connected with a president ● *The US presidential elections are held every four years.* ➣ president (n), preside (v) ❖ presidenziale

**2.83**  **violent** (adj) /ˈvaɪələnt/
happening with a lot of force ● *History is full of violent battles between different countries.* ➣ violently (adv), violence (n) ❖ violento

**2.84**  **guard** (n) /gɑːd/
a person who keeps sb/sth safe from other people or danger ● *Guards stand outside the royal palace at all times of day.* ➣ guard (v) ❖ guardia

**2.85**  **successor** (n) /sʌkˈsesə(r)/
a person who takes the place of another one ● *The old emperor's successor was his nine-year-old nephew.* ➣ succeed (v) ❖ successore

**2.86**  **genealogical** (adj) /ˌdʒiːniəˈlɒdʒɪkl/
related to ancestors and the study of family history ● *She researched her family history and made a genealogical chart showing her ancestors.* ➣ genealogy (n) ❖ genealogico

**2.87**  **archive** (n) /ˈɑːkaɪv/
a store of old documents or records ● *Dad found his grandfather's birth certificate in the public archives at the town hall.* ➣ archive (v) ❖ archivio

**2.88**  **descendant** (n) /dɪˈsendənt/
a person's children, their children and any future family members related to them ● *He claims to be a descendant of Julius Caesar, but nobody takes him seriously!* ➣ descend (v) ❖ discendente

**2.89**   **generation** (n) /dʒenəˈreɪʃn/
all the people who were born at about the same time ● *The younger generation have grown up using technology that their ancestors never imagined possible.* ❖ generazione

**2.90**   **aristocracy** (n) /ˌærɪˈstɒkrəsi/
the rich upper class of society, often with special titles ● *Only members of the aristocracy were invited to the royal wedding.* ➢ aristocrat (n), aristocratic (adj) ❖ aristocrazia

**2.91**   **ruling** (adj) /ˈruːlɪŋ/
in charge of a society or country's government ● *Members of the ruling class were put in prison after the rebellion.* ➢ rule (v), ruler (n) ❖ dominante

**2.92**   **labourer** (n) /ˈleɪbərə(r)/
a person whose job involves heavy physical work ● *Farm labourers pick the fruit crops in autumn.* ➢ labour (n, v) ❖ bracciante

| The past: people | |
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| ancestor | guard |
| archaeologist | historian |
| aristocrat | labourer |
| descendant | successor |
| emperor | warrior |

| Types of rule | |
| --- | --- |
| aristocracy | imperial |
| class | kingdom |
| dynasty | monarchy |
| empire | presidential |

# Grammar   **Page 21**

**2.93**   **bust** (n) /bʌst/
a statue of a person's head and shoulders ● *There were busts of Roman emperors inside the palace entrance.* ❖ busto

**2.94**   **gather** (v) /ˈɡæðə(r)/
(of people) meet together in a large group ● *Groups of young people frequently gather in the park.* ➢ gathering (n) ❖ riunirsi

**2.95**   **nomadic** (adj) /ˈnəʊmædɪk/
connected with people who travel from place to place without a fixed home ● *We are researching the lifestyle of nomadic tribes in central Africa.* ➢ nomad (n) ❖ nomade

**2.96**   **sophisticated** (adj) /səˈfɪstɪkeɪtɪd/
complicated and well-designed ● *Smartphone technology is becoming more and more sophisticated.* ❖ sofisticato

**2.97**   **agriculture** (n) /ˈæɡrɪkʌltʃə(r)/
farming ● *As this country's economy depends on agriculture, the development of farming is important.* ➢ agricultural (adj) ❖ agricoltura

**2.98**   **civilisation** (n) /ˌsɪvəlaɪˈzeɪʃn/
organised human society ● *The Aztec civilisation developed advanced agricultural techniques.* ➢ civilise (v), civilised (adj) ❖ civilizzazione

**2.99**   **invasion** (n) /ɪnˈveɪʒn/
when the army of a country goes to another country in order to take control of it ● *The book is about the Spanish invasion of the Americas.* ➢ invade (v), invader (n) ❖ invasione

| War and disagreement | |
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| armour | firearm |
| battlefield | invasion |
| bow | rebellion |
| campaign | revolution |
| civil war | shield |
| conflict | sword |
| demonstration | violent |

# Listening   **Page 22**

**2.100**   **demolish** (v) /dɪˈmɒlɪʃ/
completely destroy a building so that it falls down ● *The old houses were demolished when the new road was built through the town.* ➢ demolition (n) ❖ demolire

**2.101**   **process** (n) /ˈprəʊses/
method, action ● *Digging for small objects on an archaeological site is a slow process.* ➢ process (v) ❖ processo

**2.102**   **access** (v) /ˈækses/
have a way into; open a file (e.g. on a computer) ● *I can't access the website without a password.* ➢ access (n) ❖ accedere

**2.103**   **surround** (v) /səˈraʊnd/
be all around sb/sth ● *The palace is surrounded by a high wall, which is guarded 24/7.* ➢ surroundings (n pl) ❖ circondare

**2.104**   **construct** (v) /kənˈstrʌkt/
build ● *The wall was constructed during the rule of Emperor Hadrian.* ➢ construction (v) ❖ costruire

**2.105**   **legal** (adj) /ˈliːɡəl/
allowed by law; connected with the law ● *Owning wild animals isn't legal.* ➢ legally (adv) ❖ legale ✎ Opp: illegal

**2.106**   **minority** (n) /maɪˈnɒrɪti/
the smaller part of a group ● *Only a small minority of students eat in the college canteen.* ❖ minoranza ✎ Opp: majority

# Speaking

**2.107** **one-to-one** (adj) /ˌwʌn tʊ ˈwʌn/
between two people only ● *She's having a one-to-one session with her yoga teacher.*
❖ one-to-one, individuale

**2.108** **podcast** (n) /ˈpɒdkɑːst/
a digital audio file that you can download and listen to on a computer or other device
● *I listen to podcasts on my headphones when I'm out for a walk.* ❖ podcast

**2.109** **collaboratively** (adv) /kəˈlæbərətɪvli/
involving working together with other people
● *We'll achieve more if we work collaboratively.*
➢ collaborate (v), collaboration (n), collaborative (adj) ❖ in maniera collaborativa

# Grammar

**2.110** **howl** (v) /haʊl/
make a loud sound like a wolf ● *They heard the sound of the tornado howling outside.*
➢ howl (n), howling (adj) ❖ ululare

**2.111** **anecdote** (n) /ˈænɪkdəʊt/
a personal story about an amusing or interesting event ● *Mum is forever telling my friends anecdotes about my childhood. It's so embarrassing!* ➢ anecdotal (adj)
❖ aneddoto

**2.112** **still** (adj) /stɪl/
not moving ● *There's a snake just in front of you. Keep still!* ❖ immobile

# Use your English

**2.113** **at times** (expr) /æt taɪmz/
sometimes ● *My sister can be rather annoying at times.* ❖ talvolta

**2.114** **behind the times** (expr) /bɪˈhaɪnd ðə taɪmz/
old-fashioned in your views or behaviour ● *The company has had the same website content for 20 years, so it looks a bit behind the times.* ❖ non al passo con i tempi

**2.115** **for the time being** (expr) /fɔː ðə ˌtaɪm ˈbiːɪŋ/
for the moment; temporarily ● *I'm staying with my parents for the time being, but I plan to leave home when I get a job.* ❖ per il momento

**2.116** **(it's) high time** (expr) /(ɪts) haɪ ˌtaɪm/
used to stress that sth is urgent and sb should do sth soon ● *It's high time I got a new laptop. This one is too slow to work on.*
❖ è ora di

**2.117** **(it's) a matter of time** (expr) /(ɪts) ə matər əv taɪm/
it will definitely happen, sooner or later
● *They're bound to discover where the king was buried. It's only a matter of time.*
❖ questione di tempo

**2.118** **take your time** (expr) /teɪk jɔː taɪm/
don't hurry ● *Take your time and check your work carefully before you hand it in.*
❖ fare con calma

**2.119** **descend** (v) /dɪˈsend/
go down ● *He quickly descended the stairs to the ground floor.* ➢ descent, descendant (n)
❖ scendere

**2.120** **mass** (n) /mæs/
a large amount of sth ● *She read a mass of information about Easter Island before writing her conclusions.* ❖ massa

**2.121** **major** (adj) /ˈmeɪdʒə(r)/
important; serious ● *Overcrowding is a major problem in many capital cities.* ➢ majority (n)
❖ importante ✎ Opp: minor

## Expressions with *time*

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| behind the times | only a matter of time |
| for the time being | take your time |

# Writing

**2.122** **current** (adj) /ˈkʌrənt/
happening or existing now ● *They elected the current president two years ago.*
➢ currently (adv) ❖ attuale

**2.123** **whereas** (conj) /ˌweərˈæz/
while (used to contrast two ideas); on the other hand ● *Visiting the museum is free for children, whereas adults need to pay to enter.*
❖ mentre

**2.124** **conversely** (adv) /kənˈvɜːsli/
in the opposite way ● *Many people speak of 'the good old days' when they talk about the past. Conversely, I see history as a story of progress.* ➢ converse (adj) ❖ invece

**2.125** **tuition** (n) /tjuˈɪʃn/
teaching sth, especially to one person or a small group ● *He had some extra tuition before his final exams.* ❖ lezione

**2.126** **install** (v) /ɪnˈstɔːl/
put equipment somewhere and connect it so that it is ready to be used ● *The new sound system was installed in the theatre last week.*
➢ installation (n) ❖ installare

**2.127** **subscribe (to)** (v) /səbˈskraɪb (tʊ)/
pay money to receive a product or service on a regular basis; support sth ● *Hundreds of people have subscribed to her YouTube channel.* ➢ subscription, subscriber (n) ❖ abbonarsi, iscriversi

**2.128** **vital** (adj) /ˈvaɪtəl/
extremely important or necessary ● *It is vital to show your passport when you cross the border.* ❖ vitale

**2.129** **resource** (n) /rɪˈsɔːs/
sth that a person, organisation or country has and can use ● *They managed to build homes using the basic resources they had, like stone and wood.* ❖ risorsa

**2.130** **funding** (n) /ˈfʌndɪŋ/
money to pay for a particular project, etc. ● *The local government has run out of funding for children's play areas.* ➢ fund (n, v) ❖ finanziamento

**2.131** **sufficient** (adj) /səˈfɪʃənt/
enough ● *Have you got a sufficient amount of time to complete the study?* ➢ sufficiently (adv), suffice (v), sufficiency (n) ❖ sufficiente ✎ Opp: insufficient

**2.132** **primarily** (adv) /praɪˈmerəli/
mainly ● *The advertisement is primarily aimed at families with young children.* ➢ primary (adj) ❖ principalmente, innanzitutto

**2.133** **alternative** (adj) /ɔːlˈtɜːnətɪv/
sth you can choose to do, use, etc. instead of sth else ● *You can borrow books from the library or download e-books as an alternative solution.* ➢ alternative (n) ❖ alternativo

**2.134** **invest (in)** (v) /ɪnˈvest (ɪn)/
put money, effort or time into sth to make a profit or gain an advantage ● *I decided to invest my savings in property and bought two apartments in the city.* ➢ investment (n) ❖ investire

**2.135** **accurate** (adj) /ˈækjərət/
without mistakes ● *This is an accurate news report of the demonstration as it really happened.* ➢ accurately (adv), accuracy (n) ❖ accurato ✎ Opp: inaccurate

**2.136** **benefit** (v) /ˈbenɪfɪt/
be helped by sth; help sb ● *The college students would benefit from new sports facilities.* ➢ benefit (n), beneficial (adj) ❖ beneficiare

**2.137** **on balance** (phr) /ɒn ˈbæləns/
after considering all options or points of view ● *On balance, I prefer face-to-face lessons to online ones.* ❖ tutto considerato

**2.138** **publicity** (n) /pʌbˈlɪsəti/
attention from the public ● *The band are on tour to get publicity for their new album.* ❖ pubblicità

**2.139** **highlight** (v) /ˈhaɪlaɪt/
make noticeable ● *In his talk, the archaeologist highlights the importance of his latest find.* ➢ highlight (n) ❖ sottolineare, evidenziare

**2.140** **in favour of** (phr) /ɪn ˈfeɪvə(r) əv/
in support of; for sth (not against it) ● *Are you in favour of spending money on museums?* ❖ a favore di ✎ Opp: against

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**2.141** **ruins** (n pl) /ˈruːɪnz/
parts of damaged buildings, often very old ● *Many tourists come to Peru to see the famous ancient ruins of Machu Picchu.* ➢ ruin (v) ❖ rovine

**2.142** **inhabit** (v) /ɪnˈhæbɪt/
live in a particular place ● *Penguins inhabit Antarctica, whereas it's too cold for humans to survive long there.* ➢ inhabitant (n) ❖ abitare

**2.143** **astronomy** (n) /əˈstrɒnəmi/
the scientific study of planets, stars, and space ● *I developed an interest in astronomy when I got my first telescope.* ➢ astronomer (n) ❖ astronomia

**2.144** **literacy** (n) /ˈlɪtərəsi/
the ability to read and write ● *Literacy levels are low in poorer countries where there is little education.* ➢ literate (adj) ❖ alfabetizzazione ✎ Opp: illiteracy

**2.145** **divide** (v) /dɪˈvaɪd/
share ● *We divided the work fairly between us to finish the project more quickly.* ➢ division (n) ❖ dividere

**2.146** **constellation** (n) /ˌkɒnstəˈleɪʃn/
a group of stars ● *In the starry night sky, we observed some constellations.* ❖ costellazione

**2.147** **goods** (n pl) /ɡʊdz/
things made to be sold ● *Bags, rugs and other handmade goods are sold in the market.* ❖ beni, merci

**2.148** **clay** (n) /kleɪ/
a type of earth used to make pots ● *She shaped the vase from soft clay.* ➢ clay (adj) ❖ creta

**2.149** **tablet** (n) /ˈtæblət/
a thin flat piece of stone ● *The archaeologist found the writing carved on a large stone tablet.* ❖ tavoletta

**2.150** **fertile** (adj) /ˈfɜːtaɪl/
suitable for growing plants on ● *Several fruit farms are located in the fertile valley.*
➢ fertilise (v), fertiliser, fertilisation, fertility (n)
❖ fertile ✎ Opp: infertile

**2.151** **innovation** (n) /ɪnəˈveɪʃn/
a new idea or thing being used for the first time ● *This app is an amazing innovation that uses AI to enhance photos.* ➢ innovative (adj)
❖ innovazione

**2.152** **settlement** (n) /ˈsetlmənt/
a place where people come to live and build their homes ● *Archaeologists identified the building as part of an ancient settlement.*
➢ settle (v), settler (n) ❖ insediamento

**2.153** **soil** (n) /sɔɪl/
the earth which plants and trees grow in ● *I bought a bag of soil to plant some strawberries.* ❖ terreno

**2.154** **thrive** (v) /ˈθraɪv/
grow; do well ● *Olive trees thrive in a warm dry climate.* ➢ thriving (adj) ❖ fiorire, prosperare

**2.155** **plain** (n) /pleɪn/
a large flat area of land ● *The city lies on a wide plain surrounded by hills.* ❖ pianura

**2.156** **stable** (adj) /ˈsteɪbl/
unlikely to change or fall ● *The country's economy is becoming more stable and new businesses are starting up.* ➢ stability (n)
❖ stabile ✎ Opp: unstable

**2.157** **supply** (n) /səˈplaɪ/
an amount of sth that is available for use ● *Remember to take a good supply of water with you when you go hiking.* ➢ supply (v)
❖ fornitura

**2.158** **fall** (n) /fɔːl/
the fact of losing power or being defeated ● *What caused the fall of the British Empire?*
❖ caduta ✎ Syn: downfall

## The past: places and objects

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| artefact | residence |
| clay | ruins |
| goods | settlement |
| exhibit | soil |
| innovation | supply |
| monument | tablet |
| plain | |
| property | |