

Southampton City Council Cultural Services

ESOL Activity Pack Entry Level 3













History of Southampton





Old and New

Match the words and the pictures.

Old	New	
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Where is Southampton?



1. Draw a circle where Southampton is on the map.

2. **in Kingdom is the Southampton United**

Write the sentence in the correct order

3. Find out where other people in your class are from.

Name of student	Where they have come from?
<i>Mohammad</i>	<i>Pakistan</i>

Timeline

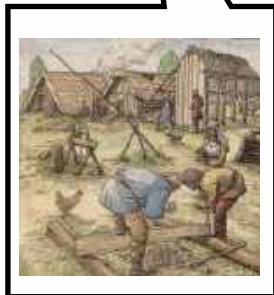
past

present

2,000 years ago	1,300 years ago	400 years ago	70 years ago
43	700	1620	1950



Romans



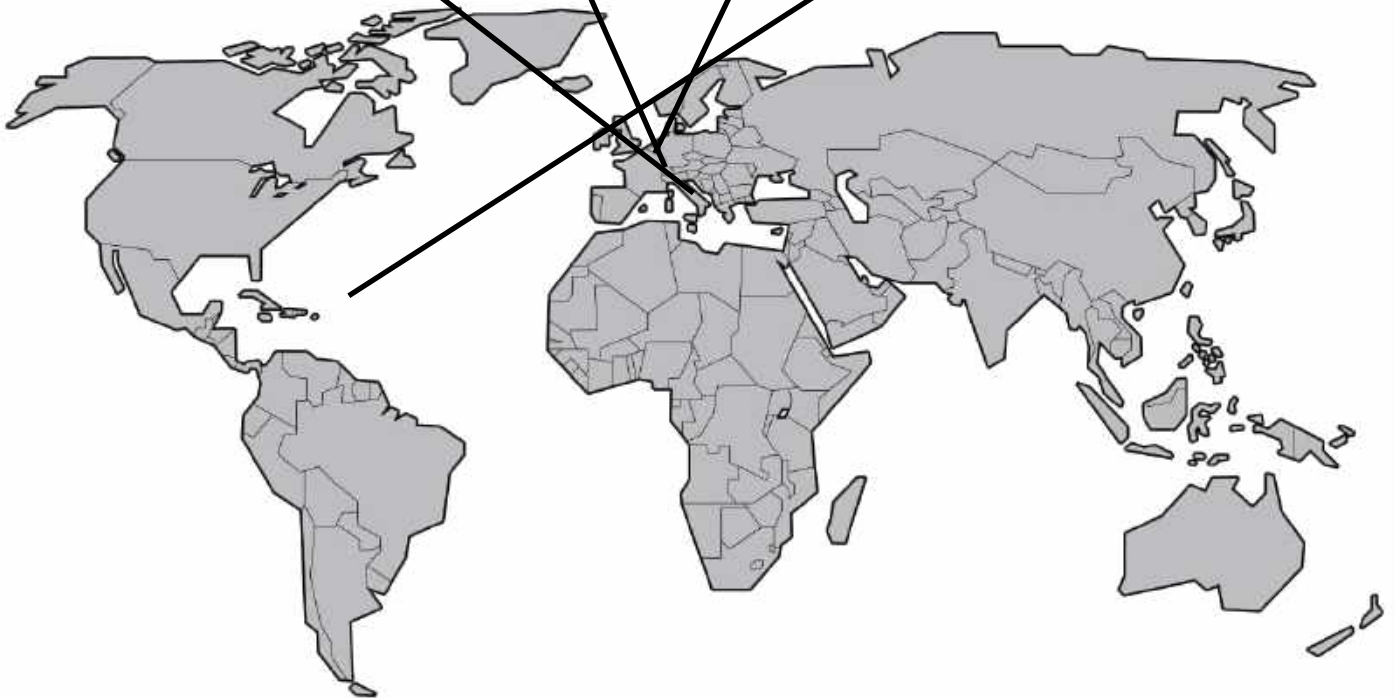
Anglo-Saxons



17th century









20th century



Old Southampton

Read the information and answer the questions.

	The Romans came to Southampton. Their town had walls to protect the people inside. The Romans sold metal to people in other countries. Their town was called Clausentum.	2,000 years ago	
	The Saxons were farmers and were very good at making clothes and jewellery. They came to Britain when the Romans left.	1,500 years ago	
	Very large walls were built around the town to protect the people from attackers. They were built after Southampton was attacked.	700 years ago	
	A ship called the <i>Mayflower</i> was the first ship to take ordinary people to America. The ship sailed from Southampton in the year 1620.	400 years ago	
	During the Second World War, one of the most important British planes was called the Spitfire. It was built in Southampton.	80 years ago	

Example: How many years ago did the Romans come to Southampton?

The Romans came to Southampton 2,000 years ago.

1. What did the Romans sell from Southampton? _____
2. Why were the town walls built? _____
3. What were the Saxons good at making? _____
4. What was the name of the ship that sailed to America? _____
5. When was the Spitfire built? _____

Walls

Read the story and then answer the questions on the next page.



Many years ago Southampton was an important town. The town was rich because many traders worked there buying and selling wine and wool. In those days there was no wall around the town to protect it. The traders wanted space for their ships. “A wall would take up too much room”, they said.

One day many men in ships attacked Southampton. The citizens of Southampton fled or hid. Many buildings were burned down. The next day the bad men left. They had stolen many riches.

The king was furious. He said, “build a wall around the town”. The walls were very tall and very strong. There were 29 towers and 8 gates. The town was now protected and the people were safe.



Walls

1. What did the traders in Southampton sell?	<i>The traders in Southampton sold wool and wine.</i>
2. At the start of the story, was there a wall around the town?	
3. Why did the traders not want a wall?	
4. What did the men do to Southampton?	
5. What did the citizens of Southampton do when the men came?	
6. What did the king do when he heard Southampton had been attacked?	
7. How many towers were built?	

What can you see?



Write an adjective (describing word) for each part of the picture.

fields	castle	houses	water	walls
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
green				

Look at the picture. What can you see? Tick ✓ what you can see.

walls	<input type="checkbox"/>	car	<input type="checkbox"/>	house	<input type="checkbox"/>
sea	<input type="checkbox"/>	ship	<input type="checkbox"/>	street	<input type="checkbox"/>
field	<input type="checkbox"/>	motorway	<input type="checkbox"/>	airplane	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write what else you can see.

Shelters

Fill in the missing words.



This is a picture of Southampton before the _____.



When the war _____ many men left to _____.



Over 33,000 _____ were _____ on the town.



These rooms were used as _____ to be safe from the bombs.



Many buildings were destroyed or _____.



The war _____ in 1945. There were many parties to _____!

shelters, celebrate, fight, bombs, began, Second World War
dropped, damaged

Air-Raid Shelters

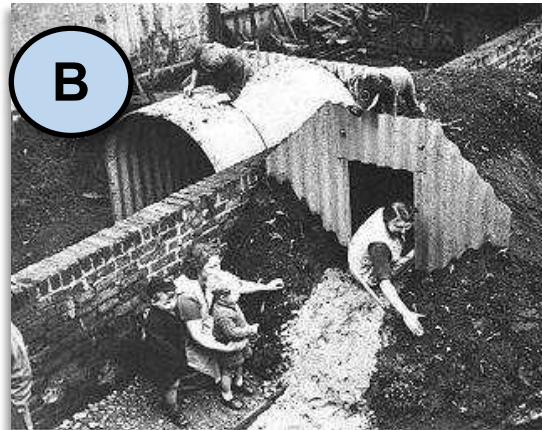
During the Second World War, people used different types of air-raid shelters to protect them from bombs.

Can you match the different type of shelter to the picture?



A

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B

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C

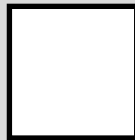
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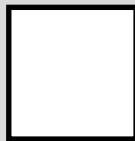
Brick-built Shelter These were normally built above the ground and had metal roofs. The photograph in this activity was at the Eastern District School in Archers Road.



Public Shelter The public air-raid shelters in Southampton were made from old vaults, often in the town wall. The picture here is of the Undercroft on Bugle Street.



Morrison Shelter This type of shelter was used in the home and was a strong metal table.



Anderson Shelter The most common garden shelter– it was made of metal panels and was partly buried in the ground. This shelter was large enough for 6 people.

