

# 6 Living History

## Unit Opener

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- 6.1 terracotta** (adj) /terə'kɒtə/  
hard, reddish-brown clay • *That's a lovely terracotta flower pot.*
- 6.2 figure** (n) /'fɪgə/  
a statue of a person • *The famous figure of a chariot driver can be seen in the Delphi museum.*
- 6.3 estimate** (v) /'estɪmeɪt/  
guess; make an approximate judgement  
• *He estimated that a thousand people had visited the museum that morning.*  
> estimate (n)
- 6.4 chariot** (n) /'tʃæriət/  
a vehicle with two wheels pulled by a horse, and used in ancient times in battles and races  
• *The chariot races in films about ancient Rome are very exciting.*

## Reading

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- 6.5 hieroglyph** (n) /'haɪərɒglɪf/  
a picture or symbol of an object, representing a word, syllable or sound, used in ancient Egyptian writing • *Some people can read ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.*

## Word Focus

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- 6.6 fracture** (n) /'fræktʃə/  
broken bone • *The doctor said the fracture in my arm isn't very bad and will heal in a month.*  
> fracture (v)
- 6.7 Supreme Council of Antiquities** (n)  
/su:'pri:m 'kaʊnsl əv æn'tɪkwɪtɪz/  
an organisation which is responsible for the protection of Egypt's treasures • *The Supreme Council of Antiquities tries to look after Egypt's archaeological treasures.*
- 6.8 CT scan** (n) /si: tɪ: skæn/  
a special way of taking pictures of the inside of the body • *A CT scan showed the surgeon where the problem was so he could operate.*
- 6.9 malaria** (n) /mə'leəriə/  
a serious disease caused by the bite of a mosquito • *If you travel to certain countries, you should take tablets so you don't get malaria.*
- 6.10 ultimately** (adv) /'ʌltɪmətli/  
finally; in the end • *I can advise you, but ultimately, you must decide what you want to do.* > ultimate (adj)

## Reading

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- 6.11 BC** (abbr) /bi: si:/  
before Christ, meaning the number of years before the birth of Jesus Christ • *Julius Caesar died in 44 BC.*
- 6.12 rule** (v) /ru:l/  
control a country • *The pharaohs ruled ancient Egypt for centuries.* > rule, ruler (n)
- 6.13 luxurious** (adj) /lʌk'zʊəriəs/  
very comfortable and expensive • *Many rich people have luxurious homes and go on luxurious holidays.* > luxury (n)
- 6.14 eventual** (adj) /ɪ'ventʃuəl/  
happening at the end of a process or period of time • *Amy and Tim were the eventual winners of the competition.* > eventually (adv)
- 6.15 remain** (v) /rɪ'meɪn/  
stay in the same situation or place • *I asked him what was wrong but he remained silent.*
- 6.16 identity** (n) /aɪ'dentəti/  
a person's name and who they are • *The identity of bodies found by archaeologists remains a mystery.* > identify (v)
- 6.17 analysis** (n) /ə'næləsɪs/  
a scientific examination of sth in order to understand it better • *An analysis of the bone structure showed them that the mummy was a teenage girl.* > analyse (v)
- 6.18 mummy** (n) /'mʌmi/  
a preserved dead body • *In the film The Mummy, a mummy of a dead bad guy comes to life and scares everybody!*  
> mummify (v)
- 6.19 shed light (on sth)** (expr)  
/ʃed laɪt (ɒn 'sʌmθɪŋ)/  
make sth easier to understand by providing new information • *The researcher found old letters which shed light on Queen Victoria's life.*
- 6.20 chest** (n) /tʃest/  
the top front part of your body between your neck and your stomach • *His heart beat loudly in his chest.*
- 6.21 hunter** (n) /'hʌntə/  
sb who chases and kills wild animals  
• *The hunters chased and killed the red deer.*  
> hunt (v, n)
- 6.22 skull** (n) /skʌl/  
the bones of a person's or animal's head  
• *He hit his head in the crash and broke the front of his skull.*

- 6.23 disprove** (v) /dɪs'pru:v/  
show that sth is not true • *The DNA analysis disproved the idea that he was related to the king.*  
📌 Opp: prove
- 6.24 direction** (n) /daɪ'rekʃn/  
management; control • *The new library is under the direction of the university because it owns the building.*
- 6.25 build** (n) /bɪld/  
body shape and size • *Swimmers usually have a muscular build.*
- 6.26 the roof of your mouth** (n)  
/ðə ru:f əv ʤɔ:(r) maʊθ/  
the hard upper part of the inside of your mouth  
• *The roof of your mouth is a bit red. Have you got a cold?*
- 6.27 miraculously** (adv) /mɪ'rækjʊləsli/  
very unexpectedly; luckily • *The archaeologist discovered a 4,000-year-old mummy that was in miraculously good condition.* > miracle (n), miraculous (adj)
- 6.28 bring sth to light** (expr)  
/brɪŋ 'sʌmθɪŋ tə laɪt/  
discover sth or make it known • *This information has just been brought to light.*
- 6.29 depiction** (n) /dɪ'pɪkʃn/  
showing sb or sth in a picture • *There were depictions of hunting scenes on the walls of the cave.* > depict (v)
- 6.30 suffering** (n) /'sʌfərɪŋ/  
sadness and pain • *Charles Dickens wrote about the suffering of the poor in many of his books.* > suffer (v)
- 6.31 seek (to do sth)** (v) /si:k tə du: 'sʌmθɪŋ/  
try to do sth • *Archaeologists seek to uncover the facts about the past.*
- 6.32 honour** (v) /'hɒnə/  
show publicly that you respect and admire sb  
• *The artist was honoured by having a street named after him.* > honour (n)
- 6.33 come to light** (expr) /kʌm tu 'laɪt/  
be revealed • *These new facts came to light in an old forgotten book in the library.*
- 6.34 disease-free** (adj) /dɪ'zi:z-fri:/  
with no diseases • *After weeks of treatment, she was better and disease-free.*
- 6.35 virus** (n) /'vaɪrəs/  
a very small living thing that causes illnesses  
• *He caught a virus at school and has got a very high fever.*
- 6.36 wreck** (n) /rek/  
a ship that has sunk • *The wreck of the Victory was discovered in 2008.*

- 6.37 decipher** (v) /dɪ'saɪfə/  
work out the meaning of sth • *After Jean-Francois Champollion deciphered hieroglyphs, our knowledge of ancient Egypt increased.*

### Medical vocabulary

CT scan	fracture	suffering
disease-free	malaria	virus

### Parts of the body

chest  
skull  
the roof of one's mouth

## Vocabulary

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- 6.38 battle** (n) /'bætl/  
a fight between armies • *The battle of Marathon took place in 490 BC.* > battle (v)
- 6.39 pass a law** (expr) /pɑ:s ə lɔ:/  
officially accept a law by voting for it • *In 2010, the government passed a law which says you cannot smoke inside public buildings.*
- 6.40 human rights** (pl n) /'hju:mən raɪts/  
basic rights that people should have like freedom and justice • *Laws exist in order to protect our human rights.*
- 6.41 stained** (adj) /steɪnd/  
with a dirty mark that won't come off • *Your teeth are stained and they are very yellow.*  
> stain (v, n)
- 6.42 liberate** (v) /'lɪbəreɪt/  
free • *In 1821, the Greeks liberated their country and gained their freedom.*  
> liberation, liberty (n)
- 6.43 D-Day** (n) /di:-deɪ/  
in World War II, the day the Allies landed in France to begin the spread of their armies through Europe • *Many soldiers died on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day.*
- 6.44 monument** (n) /'mɒnjumənt/  
an old building which is an important part of a country's history • *The Colosseum in Rome is a famous monument.*
- 6.45 revolution** (n) /rəvə'lju:ʃən/  
a time when there is a violent change of a political system • *The French Revolution started in 1789.* > revolt (v), revolutionary (adj)
- 6.46 concept** (n) /'kɒnsept/  
an idea of how sth is • *The concept that people should have equal rights is one we all believe in.*

- 6.47** **plot** (n) /plɒt/  
a secret plan to do sth wrong • *A plot to kill Che Guevara succeeded in 1967.* > plot (v)
- 6.48** **blow up** (phr v) /bləʊ ʌp/  
destroy sth with an explosion • *The building was blown up by a bomb and was completely destroyed.*
- 6.49** **Houses of Parliament** (pl n)  
/'haʊsɪz əv 'pɑ:ləmənt/  
the building where the British parliament meets • *We saw the Houses of Parliament when we visited London but we didn't see any politicians.*
- 6.50** **hang** (v) /hæŋ/  
kill sb by dropping them with a rope around their neck • *Criminals are no longer hanged in the UK because the death sentence has been abolished.* > hanging (n)
- 6.51** **objective** (adj) /əb'dʒektɪv/  
considering only facts and not letting your feelings change your opinion • *I can't be objective about her because I'm her friend.*  
> objectivity (n)  
📖 Opp: subjective
- 6.52** **subjective** (adj) /sʌb'dʒektɪv/  
based on personal feelings • *His book about his grandparents was subjective and only described them as he remembered them.*  
> subjectivity (n)  
📖 Opp: objective
- 6.53** **historical** (adj) /hɪs'tɔ:rɪkəl/  
part of history • *Pericles is one of the most important historical figures.* > history (n), historic (adj) ❖ ιστορικός
- 6.54** **historian** (n) /hɪ'stɔ:riən/  
sb who studies history • *A famous historian is going to present a TV documentary about ancient Rome.* > history (n), historic, historical (adj)
- 6.55** **fictional** (adj) /'fɪkʃənəl/  
imaginary and from a book or story • *My favourite fictional character is Asterix the Gaul.*  
> fiction (n)  
📖 Opp: factual
- 6.56** **authentic** (adj) /ɔ:'θentɪk/  
genuine • *This is an authentic painting by Rembrandt.* > authenticity (n)
- 6.57** **artificial** (adj) /ɑ:tɪ'fɪʃl/  
not natural but man-made • *She has artificial flowers in her house because real ones make her sneeze.*
- 6.58** **take (on)** (n) /teɪk (ɒn)/  
sb's opinion about sth • *The two historians have different takes on what happened.*
- 6.59** **times gone by** (expr) /taɪms ɡɒn baɪ/  
the past • *The book Zorba the Greek talks about times gone by on the island of Crete.*
- 6.60** **anything but** (expr) /'eniθɪŋ bʌt/  
definitely not • *The restaurant was anything but cheap.*
- 6.61** **academic** (n) /ækə'demɪk/  
sb who teaches at a university • *His father is an academic at the University of Athens, where he teaches history.* > academic (adj)
- 6.62** **proceed** (v) /prə'si:d/  
do sth after doing sth else • *This book starts with a map of the Balkans today and then proceeds to explain how this map has changed over the ages.*
- 6.63** **age** (n) /eɪdʒ/  
a particular period of history • *Humans have been involved in warfare throughout the ages from ancient times to this day.*
- 6.64** **sarcastic** (adj) /sɑ:'kæstɪk/  
saying the opposite of what you mean in order to insult or show sb that you are annoyed • *'Oh, I see you're studying hard,' said Mum in a sarcastic tone, as I sat on the sofa watching cartoons.* > sarcasm (n)
- 6.65** **ironic** (adj) /aɪ'rɒnɪk/  
using words that are the opposite of what you really mean • *He often makes ironic remarks about people when he wants to be funny.*  
> irony (n)
- 6.66** **critic** (n) /'krɪtɪk/  
sb whose job is to judge the good and bad qualities of art, music, films etc • *Critics gave the film Troy very bad reviews.* > criticise (v), critical (adj)
- 6.67** **claim** (v) /kleɪm/  
say sth is true • *He claims to have visited all the monuments in Europe, but I doubt whether it's true.* > claim (n)
- 6.68** **at times** (expr) /æt taɪmz/  
sometimes • *This informative book is well-written but at times too detailed.*
- 6.69** **thirst for knowledge** (expr) /θɜ:st fə 'nɒlɪdʒ/  
a strong desire for knowledge • *Her thirst for knowledge about the past drove her to become an archaeologist.* > thirsty (adj)

### Control and war

battle	revolution
liberate	rule

## Grammar

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- 6.70** **wonder** (n) /'wʌndə/  
sth that makes you feel surprise and admiration • *The Statue of Zeus at Olympia was one of the Seven Wonders of the World.* > wonderful (adj)

- 6.71 muddy** (adj) /'mʌdi/  
covered with soft wet earth • *Take those muddy shoes off before you come inside!*  
> mud (n)
- 6.72 antiquities** (pl n) /æn'tɪkwɪtɪz/  
objects and buildings from ancient times which have survived to the present day • *Museums all over the world are full of antiquities.*
- 6.73 excavation** (n) /ɛkskə'veɪʃn/  
dig carefully to find ancient objects, bones etc • *The excavation of Knossos was led by the archaeologist Sir Arthur Evans.* > excavate (v)
- 6.74 retire** (v) /rɪ'taɪə/  
stop working because you have reached a certain age • *Grandpa retired at 65 and he now relaxes at home* > retirement (n)
- 6.75 inscription** (n) /ɪn'skrɪpʃn/  
words that are cut in sth such as stone or metal • *The inscription on the statue was in German.* > inscribe (v)

## Speaking

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- 6.76 effective** (adj) /ɪ'fektɪv/  
Sth that is effective works well. • *Swimming is an effective way of keeping fit.*
- 6.77 absolutely** (adv) /'æbsəlu:tli/  
completely • *Are you absolutely sure?*
- 6.78 totally** (adv) /'təʊtəli/  
completely • *The professor pointed out that ancient Greek statues were totally different to Egyptian ones.* > total (adj)
- 6.79 respectfully** (adv) /rɪ'spektfəli/  
in a way that shows you want to be polite to sb • *He respectfully refused to answer the question.* > respect (v, n), respectful (adj)

## Grammar

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- 6.80 guided tour** (n) /gɑɪdɪd tʊə/  
If sb takes you on a guided tour, they show you around a place and tell you about it.  
• *We had a guided tour of the city and learnt a lot about it.*
- 6.81 rescuer** (n) /'reskjʊ:ə(r)/  
a person who saves sb from a dangerous situation • *She thanked her rescuers for saving her life.* > rescue (v, n)
- 6.82 catacomb** (n) /'kætəku:m/  
an underground place where dead people are buried • *Did you see any mummies in the catacombs in Rome?*
- 6.83 uncover** (v) /ʌn'kʌvə/  
find • *The secret of where Atlantis might be has never been uncovered.*

## Archaeology

antiquities	excavation
artefact	find
BC	hieroglyph
burial	inscription
bury	mummy
catacomb	pot
decipher	uncover
dig up	

## Use your English

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- 6.84 set off** (phr v) /set ɒf/  
start a journey • *They set off in the morning and arrived at midday.*
- 6.85 set up** (phr v) /set ʌp/  
make a machine or piece of equipment ready for use • *Have you set up your new laptop yet?*
- 6.86 take over** (phr v) /teɪk 'əʊvə/  
begin to have control of or responsibility for sth • *The small company was bought and taken over by a larger one.* > takeover (n)
- 6.87 dig up** (phr v) /dɪg ʌp/  
excavate; remove sth from the ground that was buried • *Many interesting things were dug up during the excavation.*
- 6.88 put off** (phr v) /pʊt ɒf/  
discourage • *He was put off becoming a soldier because it was so dangerous.*
- 6.89 die out** (phr v) /daɪ aʊt/  
become extinct or disappear • *Neanderthals died out thousands of years ago.*
- 6.90 extinct** (adj) /ɪk'stɪŋkt/  
An extinct species of animal or plant does not exist any more. • *Dinosaurs used to walk the Earth but they are now extinct.* > extinction (n)
- 6.91 remove** (v) /rɪ'mu:v/  
take sth away from somewhere or off sth  
• *They have removed the painting from the museum.*
- 6.92 bury** (v) /'beri/  
put sb who has died in a grave • *Her elderly aunt passed away and was buried yesterday.*  
> burial (n)
- 6.93 human race** (n) /'hju:mən reɪs/  
mankind • *The human race might become extinct if the temperature on Earth rises too much.*
- 6.94 comet** (n) /'kɒmɪt/  
bright object with a tail that travels around the sun • *We looked at the comet through the telescope.*
- 6.95 quit** (v) /kwɪt/  
give up, leave (your job) • *Katy quit her job because she has found a better one.*  
✎ Syn: resign

- 6.96 pot** (n) /pɒt/  
a round container that you put things in  
• *These pots were used for storing food in.*
- 6.97 theorise** (v) /'θɪərəɪz/  
think about sth and suggest an explanation for it  
• *The detective theorised that the victim knew his killer* > theory (n), theoretical (adj)
- 6.98 repetition** (n) /rɪpə'tɪʃn/  
doing or saying the same thing many times  
• *The repetition of the same lyrics again and again in this song makes it a bit annoying.*  
> repeat (v), repetitive (adj)
- 6.99 conclusive** (adj) /kən'kluːsɪv/  
showing that sth is true; ending any doubt  
• *We were all convinced by the conclusive evidence that the vase did, in fact, date back to 1,200 BC.* > conclude (v), conclusion (n)  
📖 Opp: inconclusive
- 6.100 burial** (n) /'berɪəl/  
the ceremony of putting body in a grave  
• *The burial site of Tutankhamun was discovered in the twentieth century.*  
> bury (v)
- 6.101 within** (adv) /wɪ'ðɪn/  
inside • *I never saw the people that lived in the house, but I often heard strange noises from within.*
- 6.102 sufficient** (adj) /sə'fɪʃnt/  
enough; as much or as many as you need or want • *Do you have sufficient information for your article?*  
📖 Opp: insufficient
- 6.103 find** (n) /faɪnd/  
an important, valuable or interesting thing that is found • *The statue was a very important archaeological find.* > find (v)
- 6.107 exceptional** (adj) /ɪk'sepʃənəl/  
excellent • *The meal was exceptional and I will recommend the restaurant to my friends.*  
> exception (n)
- 6.108 quite** (adv) /kwaɪt/  
very; completely • *That's quite impossible!*
- 6.109 slightly** (adv) /'slaɪtli/  
a little • *He was slightly disappointed that he didn't have more time to see all of the museum.* > slight (adj)
- 6.110 pretty** (adv) /'prɪti/  
quite • *We were pretty tired after the long walk, so we had a nap in the hotel.*
- 6.111 time capsule** (n) /taɪm 'kæpsjuːl/  
a container with objects from a particular time so that people in the future will know what life was like then • *We wrote letters about our lives and put them in a time capsule to be opened in fifty years from now.*
- 6.112 yard** (n) /jɑːd/  
an area next to a building, usually with a wall or fence around it • *The students were playing in the school yard.*
- 6.113 contents** (pl n) /'kɒntents/  
what is inside sth • *The police officer asked him about the contents of the box.*  
> contain (v)
- 6.114 contain** (v) /kən'teɪn/  
have sth inside • *Oranges contain a lot of vitamin C.* > contents (pl n)
- 6.115 survivor** (n) /sə'vaɪvə(r)/  
sb who is still alive after an event or situation that could have killed them • *It was a terrible accident. There were no survivors.*  
> survive (v), survival (n)

### Phrasal verbs

blow up	set off
die out	set up
dig up	take over
put off	

## Writing: an email pages 78–79

- 6.104 utterly** (adv) /'ʌtəli/  
completely • *Dad looked utterly ridiculous in the Easter Bunny costume.* > utter (adj)
- 6.105 entirely** (adv) /ɪn'taɪəli/  
completely • *The accident was entirely your fault!*
- 6.106 sack** (v) /sæk/  
fire; dismiss sb from their job • *Fred was sacked because he was caught stealing.*  
📖 Also: get the sack
- 6.116 surrounding** (adj) /sə'raʊndɪŋ/  
near or around a place • *Delphi and the surrounding area is very mountainous.*  
> surround (v)
- 6.117 consist (of)** (v) /kən'sɪst (əv)/  
be formed from two or more things • *This book consists of ten chapters and twenty illustrations.*
- 6.118 limestone** (n) /'laɪmstəʊn/  
a type of white or grey stone used in building  
• *They used huge blocks of limestone to build the wall.*
- 6.119 maintain** (v) /meɪn'teɪn/  
keep in good condition • *Unless you maintain old buildings, they start to have problems.*  
> maintenance (n)

## Video: Giza Pyramids

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- 6.120 priceless** (adj) /'praɪsləs/  
extremely valuable • *The Mona Lisa is priceless and it's impossible to say how much it would be worth.* > price (n)  
📖 Opp: worthless
- 6.121 timeless** (adj) /'taɪmləs/  
remaining beautiful and not becoming old-fashioned • *The Pyramids of Giza have a timeless quality as if they had existed forever.* > time (n)
- 6.122 artifact** (n) /'ɑːtɪfækt/  
an object that is historically interesting  
• *There are many interesting artifacts at the new Acropolis Museum.*  
📖 Also: artefact
- 6.123 guardian** (n) /'ɡɑːdɪən/  
sb who defends and protects sth • *In the past, monks were the guardians of books which were kept in large libraries.* > guard (v)
- 6.124 compete** (v) /kəm'piːt/  
try to get people to buy your products and not sb else's • *The small shops in the town centre compete for business.* > competition (n), competitive (adj)
- 6.125 official** (n) /ə'fɪʃl/  
sb who has a position of authority in an organisation • *The museum official told the children not to touch anything.* > official (adj)
- 6.126 threat** (n) /θret/  
sth which can damage sth else • *Pollution is a threat to many old monuments as it destroys the stone.* > threaten (v)
- 6.127 concern** (n) /kən'sɜːn/  
worry • *There is a lot of concern about damage to the Parthenon and archaeologists are trying to restore it.* > concerned (adj)
- 6.128 merchant** (n) /'mɜːtʃənt/  
sb who buys and sells things • *Street merchants often sell goods like bags, belts and sunglasses.*
- 6.129 housing** (n) /'haʊzɪŋ/  
houses, flats, etc that people live in • *It's not easy to find cheap housing in this area.* > house (n, v)
- 6.130 construction** (n) /kən'strʌkʃn/  
process of building • *The construction of the Parthenon was organised by Perikles.* > construct (v)
- 6.131 wise** (adj) /waɪz/  
based on good judgement • *That was a wise decision.* > wisdom (n)
- 6.132 safeguard** (v) /'seɪfɡaɪd/  
protect • *The Egyptian mummy must be safeguarded from damage, so it is kept in a dark room.* > safeguard (n)
- 6.133 generation** (n) /,dʒenə'reɪʃn/  
all the people that were born at about the same time • *The younger generation don't seem to be interested in the country's history.*
- 6.134 task** (n) /tɑːsk/  
a piece of work that must be done • *I had the task of sending out the invitations.*