

affluent

Having a lot of money.

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boarding school

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

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butler

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

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Charles Dickens

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

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coal

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

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crime

An action which is punishable by law.

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descendant

A person that is descended from a particular ancestor.

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domestic

Relates to a household or family.

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Emmeline Pankhurst

A British political activist and leader of the suffragette movement.

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factory

A place where goods are manufactured.

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Florence Nightingale

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

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footman

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

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Industrial Revolution

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

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invention

A new creation.

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limerick

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

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maid

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

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mill

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

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mine

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

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pick pocket

A thief who steals from people's pockets.

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posser

A tool used to mix laundry while handwashing.

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poverty

The state of being extremely poor.

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prime minister

The head of the government.

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Prince Albert

The husband of Queen Victoria.

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punishment

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

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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.

