



# THE 1970'S

**SOCIAL STUDIES TOPIC**

FIRST LEVEL



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Take a trip back to the days of Bagpuss and bell-bottoms. Find out about world changing events, what life was like at home and technology of the time. Enter the world of 70's entertainment and fashion from glam to disco. Discover the toys and games that amused kids in the 70's.

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## OUTCOMES

TOPIC OR THEME	LEVEL	CURRICULUM AREA	TEACHERS
1970's	1 <sup>st</sup>	Social Studies	

## CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE OUTCOMES

### ART AND DESIGN

I can create a range of visual information through observing and recording from my experiences across the curriculum.

#### **EXA 1-04a**

Inspired by a range of stimuli, I can express and communicate my ideas, thoughts and feelings through activities within art and design.

#### **EXA 1-05a**

I can respond to the work of artists and designers by discussing my thoughts and feelings. I can give and accept constructive comment on my own and others' work.

#### **EXA 1-07a**

I have listened to a range of music and can respond by discussing my thoughts and feelings. I can give and accept constructive comment on my own and others' work.

#### **EXA 1-19a**



# HEALTH AND WELLBEING

I make full use of and value the opportunities I am given to improve and manage my learning and, in turn, I can help to encourage learning and confidence in others.

## **HWB 1-11a**

I value the opportunities I am given to make friends and be part of a group in a range of situations.

## **HWB 1-14a**

Through taking part in a variety of events and activities, I am learning to recognise my own skills and abilities as well as those of others.

## **HWB 1-19a**

# LITERACY

When I engage with others, I know when and how to listen, when to talk, how much to say, when to ask questions and how to respond with respect.

## **LIT 1-02a**

I can select ideas and relevant information, organise these in a logical sequence and use words which will be interesting and/or useful for others.

## **LIT 1-06a**

When listening and talking with others for different purposes, I can exchange information, experiences, explanations, ideas and opinions, and clarify points by asking questions or by asking others to say more.

## **LIT 1-09a**

I can communicate clearly when engaging with others within and beyond my place of learning, using selected resources as required.

## **LIT 1-10a**



# LITERACY

Using what I know about the features of different types of texts, I can find, select, sort and use information for a specific purpose.

## **LIT 1-14a**

I am learning to make notes under given headings and use them to understand information, explore ideas and problems and create new texts.

## **LIT 1-15a**

Throughout the writing process, I can check that my writing makes sense.

## **LIT 1-23a**

I can present my writing in a way that will make it legible and attractive for my reader, combining words, images and other features.

## **LIT 1-24a**

I am learning to use my notes and other types of writing to help me understand information and ideas, explore problems, generate and develop ideas or create new text.

## **LIT 1-25a**

By considering the type of text I am creating, I can select ideas and relevant information, organise these in a logical sequence and use words which will be interesting and/or useful for others.

## **LIT 1-26a**

I can convey information, describe events or processes, share my opinions or persuade my reader in different ways.

## **LIT 1-29a**



## SOCIAL STUDIES

I understand that evidence varies in the extent to which it can be trusted and can use this in learning about the past.

### **SOC 1-01a**

By exploring places, investigating artefacts and locating them in time, I have developed an awareness of the ways we remember and preserve Scotland's history.

### **SOC 1-02a**

I can compare aspects of people's daily lives in the past with my own by using historical evidence or the experience of recreating an historical setting.

### **SOC 1-04a**

Having selected a significant individual from the past, I can contribute to a discussion on the influence of their actions, then and since.

### **SOC 1-06a**

## TECHNOLOGIES

As I extend and enhance my knowledge of features of various types of software, including those which help find, organise, manage and access information, I can apply what I learn in different situations.

### **TCH 1-03a**

I can access, retrieve and use information from electronic sources to support, enrich or extend learning in different contexts.

### **TCH 1-03b**

I explore and experiment with the features and functions of computer technology and I can use what I learn to support and enhance my learning in different contexts.

### **TCH 1-04a**





PURPOSE	ACTIVITIES	CRITERIA	EVIDENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am learning about major events in the seventies.</li> <li>I am learning how to put events in chronological order.</li> <li>I am learning about life at home in the 1970's.</li> <li>I am learning about gadgets and décor in different rooms.</li> <li>I am discovering how technology from the 70's impacts technology today.</li> <li>I am expanding the way in which I carry out my research.</li> <li>I can report back my findings to the class.</li> <li>I am learning about life at home in the 1970's.</li> <li>I am finding out popular cultures in the seventies including music, film and TV.</li> <li>I am discovering different ways in which I can present my findings.</li> <li>I am learning about fashion in the 1970's.</li> <li>I expanding my knowledge of toys and games from the 1970's.</li> <li>I am learning to express my views and opinions.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Match facts about 1970's events and locate places on a map.</li> <li>Draw a picture of Concorde.</li> <li>Research a Scottish Olympian who was born in the 1970's.</li> <li>Complete a worksheet on life at home in the 1970's.</li> <li>Research a 1970's household item.</li> <li>Draw a car from the 1970's.</li> <li>Research a 1970's innovation.</li> <li>Draw a rotary telephone.</li> <li>Complete a worksheet on 1970's technology.</li> <li>Find information using a newspaper archive.</li> <li>Research a 1970's pop act.</li> <li>Create a 1970's movie timeline.</li> <li>Design a 1970's outfit.</li> <li>Design a web page about 1970's fashion.</li> <li>Complete a worksheet on 1970's fashion.</li> <li>Research a 1970's toy and design an advert.</li> <li>Use an original Argos catalogue to select toys to buy.</li> <li>Complete WHAT AM I? on 70's toys and games.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can carry out research using a variety of resources.</li> <li>I can use a different maps to show where certain 70's events occurred.</li> <li>I can talk about life at home in the seventies.</li> <li>I can identify and explain certain 70's foodstuffs.</li> <li>I can explain what gadgets and devices were used in the 1970's.</li> <li>I can use a newspaper archive to find information.</li> <li>I can work together in a group with my classmates.</li> <li>I can talk about films and TV shows that were popular in the seventies.</li> <li>I can use YouTube to watch TV shows and music videos.</li> <li>I can explain and categorise different seventies fashion items.</li> <li>I can list and describe toys and games that were popular in the seventies.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MAKE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draw a picture of Concorde.</li> <li>Draw a 1970's car.</li> <li>Draw a rotary telephone.</li> <li>Design an outfit.</li> </ul> <p><b>SAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbally present information about Scottish Olympians.</li> <li>Explain a 1970's household item.</li> <li>Report findings on a 1970's pop act.</li> </ul> <p><b>DO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out research using a variety of resources.</li> <li>Locate places on maps and Google Earth.</li> <li>Design a web page.</li> <li>Find information using a newspaper archive.</li> </ul> <p><b>WRITE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete worksheets on life at home, technology, fashion and toys.</li> </ul>



## 1970's Timeline

1970	The Beatles break up after eight years at the top of the charts.
1970	The FIFA world cup is held in Mexico and won by Brazil.
1970	Roald Dahl's novel <i>Fantastic Mr Fox</i> is released.
1970	An oxygen tank explodes on Apollo 13, the spacecraft returns safely to earth.
1970	Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon is born in Irvine, Ayrshire on July 19 <sup>th</sup> .
1971	The Ibrox Disaster – 66 fans are crushed and killed in a stairway.
1971	Roger Hargreaves releases the first <i>Mr Men</i> book.
1971	The first email was sent.
1972	The Summer Olympic Games take place in Munich, Germany.
1972	The first video cassettes of movies are available to purchase.
1972	The Mk2 Raleigh Chopper is released.
1972	Apollo 17 becomes the last spacecraft to land on the moon in the 1970's.
1973	A fuel shortage and price rises have an impact on day-to-day life for many people.
1973	Disney release an animated version of <i>Robin Hood</i> .





## 1970's Timeline

1973	Pink Floyd release the iconic album <i>Dark Side of the Moon</i> .
1973	The first MRI pictures are published, a major breakthrough in medical science.
1974	American President Richard Nixon resigns from office following the Watergate scandal.
1974	The Volkswagen Golf is launched.
1974	Tom Baker becomes the fourth Doctor Who.
1974	The first McDonalds opens in the UK.
1975	The Vietnam War ends after almost 20 years.
1975	The Spielberg directed movie <i>Jaws</i> is becomes a summer blockbuster.
1975	Nina Bawden, author of <i>Carries War</i> , releases her novel <i>The Peppermint Pig</i> .
1975	The Bay City Rollers have a British number one with their single <i>Bye, Bye, Baby</i> .
1975	Smiths launch Salt n Shake crisps.
1976	The Summer Olympic Games take place in Montreal, Canada.
1976	Apple Computer Company is founded.
1976	The kids Saturday morning TV show Multi-coloured Swap Shop is first broadcast.



## 1970's Timeline

1976	Mars launch minty sweets called <i>Pacers</i> .
1976	The crime writer Agatha Christie dies on January 12 <sup>th</sup>
1977	The Bee Gees release the disco hit <i>Stayin' Alive</i> .
1977	Rock and roll legend Elvis Presley dies in Memphis, Tennessee aged 42.
1977	The first Star Wars film is released and is a big hit!
1977	The Atari 2600 games console is released.
1978	Louise Brown becomes the first baby born through IVF.
1978	The musical film Grease become an immediate box office success.
1978	The arcade game <i>Space Invaders</i> is released.
1978	Kate Bush releases her debut single <i>Wuthering Heights</i> .
1979	Margaret Thatcher become the first female British Prime Minister.
1979	The World Health Organisation announce that smallpox has been eradicated.
1979	Sony introduce the Walkman to the electronics market.
1979	McDonald's introduce the Happy Meal.



# 1970's – Introductory Lesson

The purpose of this lesson is to get an idea of what the children already know about the subject. It is a co-operative lesson for the whole class to get involved. Spelling and handwriting are not important.

At the end of the topic it will be useful to re-visit the results of this lesson and hold a class Q&A to discuss what they have found out and any unanswered questions they still have. The Q&A could be part of an ICT lesson where the children research their unanswered questions.

## **SPLIT THE GROUPS**

In order to get randomly selected groups ask the children to sort themselves into date of birth order without talking to each other. Then split the children into groups of 4 i.e. the first 4 children are one group etc.

Once in their groups the following jobs should be randomly allocated:

1. Group Leader (who likes cheese?)
2. Writer (who has the next birthday?)
3. Reporter (who has the longest name?)
4. Timer (who has a necklace on?)

Sheets of A2 paper are laid out on the desks each sheet should be labelled with one of these titles:

1. Major Events
2. Life at Home
3. Technology
4. Entertainment
5. Fashion
6. Toys and Games

Then split the sheet into two columns:

1. What do I know?
2. What do I want to find out?

The groups then rotate around each sheet. A time limit should be given.



# **PART ONE**

## **MAJOR EVENTS**



## Major Events TEACHER'S NOTES

The 1970's is a decade which started in 1970 and ended in 1979. Lots of interesting and important things happened during the 1970's. In this part we will look at some of the major events of the 1970's.

**1971 – DISNEY WORLD OPENS**  
Disney World in Florida, USA opened on October 1<sup>st</sup> 1971. Admission prices in 1971 were \$1 for children and \$3.50 for adults.

**DECIMAL DAY – On February 15<sup>th</sup> 1971**  
the UK made changes to its currency. Before decimalisation there were 240 pence in the pound, 12 pence in a shilling and 20 shillings in a pound.

£	Pounds	s	shillings	d	pence
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## BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS

Edward Heath	1970 – 74
Harold Wilson	1974 – 76
James Callaghan	1976 – 79
Margaret Thatcher	1979 – 90

**Margaret Thatcher become the first female British Prime Minister in 1979.**

## 1973 – FUEL CRISIS

In 1973 complex economic and political situations caused a fuel shortage in the UK and other countries. The shortage caused fuel prices to increase, this meant that petrol was rationed, there were frequent power cuts and people often worked a three day week.

## 1970's POLITICAL LEADERS

### PRESIDENTS OF THE USA

Richard Nixon	1969 – 74
Gerald Ford	1974 – 77
Jimmy Carter	1977 – 81

**1974 – NIXON RESIGNS**  
Richard Nixon resigned as US President for his part in the Watergate scandal.

## 1975

**EUROPE REFERENDUM**  
Prime Minister Harold Wilson and his Labour Government held a referendum to ask the public if they wanted to remain in the European Economic Community or not. The people voted to stay in Europe, in contrast with the 2016 referendum where it was decided Britain should leave the European Union.



### 1975 – NORTH SEA OIL

Various oil fields were discovered under the North Sea in the early 1970's. In 1975, Queen Elizabeth II opened the UK's first oil pipeline which brought oil from the Forties oilfield near Aberdeen to Grangemouth.

### OLYMPIC GAMES

Munich	1972
Montreal	1976

1976 – Scots swimmer David Wilkie wins gold for the 200m breaststroke and silver for 100m breaststroke at 1976 Olympic Games.

**1976 – CONCORDE** The first commercial Concorde flight was on January 21<sup>st</sup> 1976. Concorde could travel at 1,350 mph.

## SCOTLAND IN THE 1970's

1970	The Kingston Bridge in Glasgow opens on June 26 <sup>th</sup> .
1971	66 people are killed in a crush at Ibrox Stadium.
1972	The Highland Wildlife Park is opened near Kingussie.
1973	Radio Clyde is launched on Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> .
1974	Two UK general elections are held in one year.
1975	Olympic gold rower Katherine Grainger is born in Glasgow.
1976	Hunterston B Power Station begins generating electricity.
1977	Queen Elizabeth II tours Scotland for her Silver Jubilee.
1978	Scotland play in the FIFA World Cup in Argentina.
1979	Paisley Gilmour Street train crash, seven people killed.

1977 – Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 1977 to mark 25 years since she became the British monarch. People celebrated with street parties!

**1978 – Louise Brown, the world's first IVF baby was born on July 25<sup>th</sup> in Oldham.**

**1979 – Barr's sell Irn Bru in a plastic bottle for the first time.**

**1979 – SCOTTISH DEVOLUTION** Scots have a vote on devolution. A referendum takes place to decide whether Scotland should have an independent Scottish Assembly. Less than 40% of the electorate voted yes.





## Major Events

### ACTIVITY 1

Can you cut out and match these places, years and events and then find the places on a map?

1. Cut out the places, events and years.
2. Working with a partner match the correct place, event and year.
3. Now use Google Earth or an atlas (or both) and find each of the places.
4. Write down which country the places are in.
5. Circle all the places on the list that you have visited.

PLACE	EVENT	YEAR
Washington DC	The first North Sea oil pipeline arrives here.	1976
London	Disney World in Florida opens for visitors.	1970
Orlando	Richard Nixon resigns as US President.	1979
Glasgow	Margaret Thatcher become the first female Prime Minister.	1971
Grangemouth	David Wilkie wins Olympic gold and silver.	1974
Montreal	The Kingston Bridge is opened for traffic.	1975



Major Events

ACTIVITY 1

PLACE	EVENT	YEAR	COUNTRY



## Major Events

### ACTIVITY 1 - ANSWERS

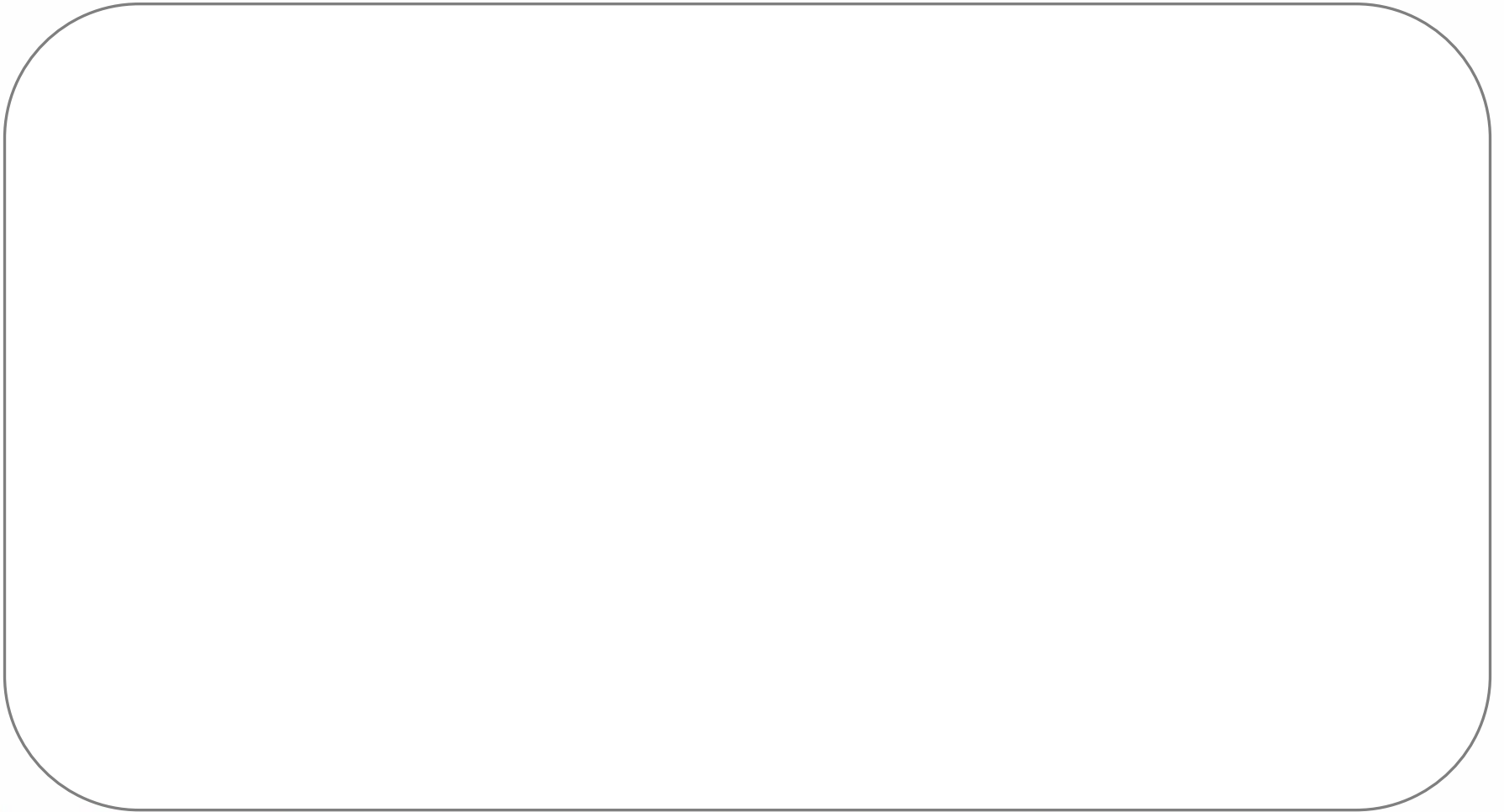
PLACE	EVENT	YEAR	COUNTRY
Glasgow	The Kingston Bridge is opened for traffic.	1970	SCOTLAND
Orlando	Disney World in Florida opens for visitors.	1971	USA
Washington DC	Richard Nixon resigns as US President.	1974	USA
Grangemouth	The first North Sea oil pipeline arrives here.	1975	SCOTLAND
Montreal	David Wilkie wins Olympic gold and silver.	1976	CANADA
London	Margaret Thatcher become the first female Prime Minister.	1979	UK



## Major Events ACTIVITY 2

Can you draw Concorde?

Working with a partner, use the internet to find pictures and information about Concorde. Draw a picture of Concorde.



## Major Events

### ACTIVITY 3

These Scottish Olympians were all born in the 1970's

Katherine Grainger

Chris Hoy

Steph Cook

Tim Baillie

Can you research one of these Olympic champions?

Organise yourselves into height order, your teacher will split you into groups of four.

1. The person with the shortest hair is the **team leader**.
2. The person with the most brightly coloured pencil is the **recorder**.
3. The person with the smallest feet is the **researcher**.
4. The person with their sleeves rolled up is the **reporter**.

## TASK

Pick **ONE** of the Scottish Olympians.

In your group, use the internet to research these questions.

1. When and where was your Olympian born?
2. Your Olympian is known for which sport?
3. What are their greatest achievements.
4. Describe what your Olympian looks like.
5. Tell us something about their family.

Present your research as a fact file.

**TEAM LEADER**  
Keeps everyone on task.

**RECORDER**  
Takes notes during the research.

**RESEARCHER**  
Searches for information using the internet.

**REPORTER**  
Tells the class what you have found out.



## ACTIVITY HINTS AND TIPS

### ACTIVITY 1

#### Problem Solving and Mapping

##### CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING

The children are asked to work with partners but you could use larger groups.

##### EXTENSION TASK

The children could report back to the class using Google Earth on the smart board to show the places they have found.

##### PEER ASSESSMENT

The children could work together to compare answers.

### ACTIVITY 2

#### Art

##### CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING

The children could work in co-operative groups to complete this task, jobs would include: researcher, designer, artist, reporter.

##### EXTENSION TASK

The children could design the interior of Concorde, what would they want inside a luxury plane?

The children could experiment with art materials and design ideas to create a large or 3D Concorde.

### ACTIVITY 3

#### Research

##### CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING

The children could spend some time discussing how well they worked in their groups. Is there anything they could have done differently? Would they have preferred a different role?

##### PEER ASSESSMENT

The children could participate in a class discussion on the fact files they have been presented with, offering positive and developmental feedback.





## Assessment 1

By completing these tasks your teacher can see how much you have learned about the major events of the 1970's. You can look back in your jotter to help you answer the questions.

Answer these questions in sentences.

1. In what year did the Queen celebrate her Silver Jubilee?
2. For what sport did David Wilkie win two Olympic medals?
3. In which Scottish city is the Kingston Bridge?
4. Concorde was a very fast ship. TRUE or FALSE?
5. Name one British Prime Minister from the 1970's.
6. What theme park opened in Florida in 1971?
7. What Glasgow radio station was launched in 1973?
8. In which years in the 1970's were Olympic Games held?
9. When did Barr's start selling drinks in plastic bottles?
10. Before decimalisation, how many pennies were there in a pound?

Write a paragraph explaining which 1970's event you would have enjoyed being part of.

Draw a picture of yourself attending a Silver Jubilee street party.



# Assessment 1 - ANSWERS

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1. 1977.
2. Swimming.
3. Glasgow.
4. FALSE, it was an aeroplane.
5. See Teacher's Notes.
6. Disney World.
7. Radio Clyde.
8. 1972 and 1976.
9. 1979.
10. 240.



## Extension Tasks 1

These are internet based tasks for early finishers.  
They can be done on an iPad or a computer.

Find the underlined words  
in the word search.

P	K	A	G	C	B	S	T	I	M
J	A	N	O	R	Q	N	S	X	Q
L	D	Y	W	I	L	K	I	E	X
H	Q	N	X	C	T	O	K	R	S
A	C	O	Y	V	N	L	I	L	W
A	G	R	B	O	I	H	N	O	Z
W	A	T	K	R	X	T	G	W	J
R	Y	H	T	T	O	H	S	O	U
U	H	K	H	A	N	X	T	L	B
U	Y	T	A	W	G	K	O	Y	I
R	S	H	T	V	C	J	N	M	L
B	T	N	C	Q	L	U	H	P	E
Z	U	J	H	T	U	A	W	I	E
T	B	T	E	S	O	E	W	C	U
E	I	A	R	F	H	B	Z	P	M

Use Google Images to find  
pictures of the following

North Sea oil

The Queen's Silver Jubilee

The Kingston Bridge

Richard Nixon

David Wilkie

Margaret Thatcher

1972 Olympic Games

Use Google to find out the  
distance between your  
school and these places:

1. Disney World, Orlando
2. 10 Downing Street
3. Montreal
4. The White House
5. Grangemouth

Write down the distance  
and why each place is  
important.

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