

How has life changed and developed since the 1960s?



Key Vocabulary

The 1960s decade refers to the years from the beginning of 1960 to the end of 1969. It is known as the Swinging Sixties and is associated with the birth of British pop music and fashion.

For the first time, nearly all houses had electricity. It was the first time that sliced bread could be bought in the shops and the first footsteps were made on the moon.

It was a period when the average house cost £2,530 and a loaf of bread was only 5p.

British pop culture dominated America and The Beatles (from Liverpool) were one of the most famous bands in the world.



Decade: a period of history lasting ten years (we will look at 1960-1969)

Century: a period of history lasting 100 years

Era: a long and distinct period of history

The Beatles: a world famous rock band from Liverpool

Mary Quant: a fashion designer who is famous for popularising the mini skirt

Pop Art: Heavily influenced by advertising and comic books

Revolution: A process undertaken to ensure change happens.

Space Race: a race between the Soviets and the US in the advance of science and space exploration

Key Dates

1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1969
Lego comes to Britain	Russia sends the first man into space	Andy Warhol paints the famous 'Campbell's Soup Can'	President John F. Kennedy was assassinated	Beatlemania takes over America	Mary Quant shows mini skirts in her fashion show	England Wins the World Cup	Neil Armstrong is the first person to walk on the moon

Mary Quant



Mary Quant was a British fashion designer who popularised the mini skirts and she was part of a fashion revolution for young people.

The Beatles



The Beatles were an English rock band formed in Liverpool in 1960. The group, whose best-known line-up comprised John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr, are regarded as the most influential band of all time.



Lego was introduced as a toy. Families were fortunate to own one television (which was in black and white) and some schools had very strict punishments.