

Did you know that Britain was once Roman? Watch Eric in this video as he imagines what life was like in Roman times.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding. If you need help, you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–e next to the number 1–5.

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| 1..... a governor | a. a large Roman house |
| 2..... a toga | b. a teacher of private lessons |
| 3..... a villa | c. a person who governs a part of a country |
| 4..... central heating | d. a long kind of clothing worn by Romans |
| 5..... a tutor | e. a system that makes a whole house warm inside |

1. Check your understanding: tick the topics

Tick all the topics Eric talked about.

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| 1..... his dad's job | 5..... his mother |
| 2..... pets | 6..... his tutor |
| 3..... sports | 7..... the weather |
| 4..... parts of his house | 8..... food for dinner |

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best words to complete these sentences.

- The video is about life in Britain in **the Stone Age / Roman times / the 19th century** .
- Eric's dad is a **governor / tax collector / tutor** .
- Quackus Maximus is Eric's **pet dog / father / pet duck** .
- Eric doesn't like school because **the tutor is strict / he's the only one in the class / it's boring** .
- Eric has to behave well tonight because **the governor / Eric's tutor / Julius Caesar** is coming to dinner.
- When Eric looks at the food for the dinner, he feels **angry / hungry / sick** .

3. Check your grammar: gap fill – have and have got

Complete the gaps with a form of 'have' or 'have got'.

1. Eric's dad _____ an important job.
2. Eric _____ a pet called Quackus Maximus.
3. Some of Eric's friends _____ pet dogs, cats, geese and monkeys.
4. Eric's villa _____ baths, hot water, glass, central heating and mosaics.
5. Eric _____ any classmates.
6. Eric and his father _____ an important dinner with the governor tonight.

4. Check your vocabulary: grouping – food and pets

Write the words in the correct group.

monkeys	dormice	dogs	hare	snails	ducks
pigs' udders	geese	flamingos' tongues	cats	peacocks' brains	

Roman food	Roman pets

How was Roman life different from life today?

Was anything similar to life today?

Would you like to travel back in time? What time period would you go to?

Would you rather travel back into the past or forward into the future?