

# 12 HISTORY

## STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 106–107

### **bark** /bɑː(r)k/ Noun

a *bark* is the noise a dog makes. If you say that someone's *bark is worse than their bite*, you mean that they seem much more rude or fierce than they really are

*it turned out his bark was much worse than his bite | don't worry about Fred, his bark's worse than his bite*

- *aboyer*

### **belch** /beltʃ/ Verb

if you *belch*, air comes up from your stomach and out of your mouth, usually making a noise

*he still eats like a peasant and belches after meals | he tried to stop himself belching, unsuccessfully*

Noun: *belch*

*a smile crossed his face, followed by a belch*

- *roter*

### **broken home** /ˌbrəʊkən 'həʊm/ Noun

if someone comes from a *broken home*, they grow up with just one parent because their parents have divorced or separated

*Martin was a child of a broken home | she grew up in a broken home*

- *foyer désuni*

### **build up** /ˌbɪld 'ʌp/ Phrasal verb

if you *build* something *up*, you do what is needed to make it develop and be successful

*he slowly built things up until he got to where he is today | we built up the business over a number of years | they built it up from a little corner shop to a chain of supermarkets*

- *développer*

### **capital** /'kæpɪt(ə)l/ Noun

the *capital* of a country is the city where the government is based

*he decided to move to the capital | what's the capital city of Australia? | lots of people think New York is the capital of the USA, but actually it's Washington D.C.*

- *capitale*

### **close-knit** /ˌkləʊs 'nɪt/ Adjective

a *close-knit* group of people live or work together very closely and support each other a lot

*he grew up in a very close-knit community | ours was a close-knit family | this is a very close-knit organisation, where everyone knows everyone else*

- *très uni*

### **drop out** /ˌdrɒp 'aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *drop out* of a course of study, you stop doing it and leave the institution where you were studying. A person who does this is a *dropout*

*he had to drop out of school and earn money for his family | he went back to college, but dropped out for a second time | about one third of students drop out of the course by the end of the second year*

Noun: *dropout*

*it's not easy to find work if you're a dropout*

- *abandonner*

### **evacuate** /ɪˈvækjuet/ Verb

when people are *evacuated*, they are moved out of the area where they live because of a war or other danger, to somewhere safer

*she was evacuated during the war | luckily, they all managed to evacuate the village before the floods came | the police had evacuated the area before the bomb went off*

Noun: *evacuation* | Noun: *evacuee*

*the school was used as an evacuation centre | the evacuees included over 200 children*

- *évacuer*

### **from scratch** /frɒm 'skrætʃ/ Phrase

if you start something *from scratch*, you do it without using anything that has been prepared for you or that has existed before

*she built up the business from scratch | the garden was completely bare, so we had to start from scratch*

- *de zéro*

### **generation** /ˌdʒenə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *generation* is the group of all the people who were born and lived at around the same time. If you talk about the *first generation*, you are referring to the first generation of people who have moved to live in another country. Their children who are then born there are the *second generation*

*he came from a first-generation Chinese family | she'd never been to Ireland, although her mother was a second-generation Irish-American*

- *génération*

**orphan** /'ɔ:(r)f(ə)n/ Verb

an *orphan* is a child whose parents have both died.  
Someone who becomes an orphan *has been orphaned*  
*he was orphaned when both his parents died in a plane crash | thousands of children were orphaned during the war*  
Adjective: *orphaned* | Noun: *orphan*  
*there are approximately 700 orphaned children in the city | Jackson became an orphan at the age of 12*

• **orphelin**

**pass away** /,pɑ:s ə'weɪ/ Phrasal verb

if someone has *passed away*, they have died. *Pass away* is a more formal and less direct way of saying die  
*when he was 13, his dad passed away | my grandmother passed away last year | he passed away in his sleep*

• **s'éteindre**

**peasant** /'pez(ə)nt/ Noun

a *peasant* is someone in a poor country who works as a farmer and does not have much money or education. People sometimes use the word *peasant* to suggest that someone does not behave politely or does not have any education  
*he said I eat like a peasant! | peasants left the countryside to look for work in the big cities | her grandfather was a peasant who could not read or write*  
Noun: *peasantry*  
*living conditions for the French peasantry changed a lot between 1870 and 1914*

• **paysan**

**privileged** /'prɪvəlɪdʒd/ Adjective

someone who is *privileged* has a lot of advantages in life, for example because they come from a rich family or have had a good education  
Collocates: a privileged family/background  
*she's from a very privileged background | she gave up her privileged lifestyle and volunteered to work in a rural village in India for a year*  
Noun: *privilege*  
*from an early age he became used to having money and privilege*

• **privilégié**

**sheltered** /'ʃeltə(r)d/ Noun

if someone has had a *sheltered* upbringing or a *sheltered* life, they have been protected from dangerous or unpleasant experiences  
Collocates: a sheltered upbringing/life/background  
*due to his sheltered upbringing, he was shy and quite naïve | both of us had a very sheltered upbringing*

• **protégé**

**textile** /'tekstail/ Noun

*textiles* are fabrics made from wool, cotton, silk, etc.

a *textile mill* (a factory that makes textiles) | *the city is a former centre of textile production*

• **textile**

**SIMILES**

**memory like a sieve:**

if you have a *memory like a sieve*, you forget things very easily. A sieve is a bowl with holes in it that you use in the kitchen to separate liquids from solids  
*I read it the other week, but I've got a memory like a sieve and can't even remember the name of the main character*

**smoke like a chimney:**

if someone *smokes like a chimney*, they smoke a lot of cigarettes, all day long. A chimney is the tall pipe that carries smoke from a fire out of a building  
*my grandad smoked like a chimney all his life and, amazingly, lived to be 92*

**like a fish out of water:**

if you feel *like a fish out of water*, you feel very uncomfortable because you are in a situation that you are not used to and you don't feel you belong there  
*there I was, like a fish out of water, the only person at the party who was over 30*

**avoid something like the plague:**

if you *avoid something like the plague*, you do everything you can to avoid it. The plague is a very serious disease that spreads very quickly and kills people who have it  
*she's been avoiding me like the plague since I asked her to help with painting the house*

**like chalk and cheese:**

if you say two people or things are *like chalk and cheese*, you mean that they are very different from each other  
*even though they're both in Russia, Moscow and St Petersburg are like chalk and cheese*

**as hard as nails:**

if you say that someone is *as hard as nails*, you mean they do not show emotions such as sympathy or kindness  
*she looks very friendly, but watch out, she's as hard as nails and a very tough businesswoman*

**as dead as a dodo:**

if you say that something is *as dead as a dodo*, you mean that it is no longer in existence or no longer active or interesting. A dodo was a bird that could not fly and is now extinct (does not exist at all)  
*the steel industry in this town is as dead as a dodo*

**as white as a sheet:**

if someone goes *as white as a sheet*, they look very frightened, worried, or ill  
*when he heard the news, he went as white as a sheet*

**as old as the hills:**

if you say that something is *as old as the hills*, you mean that it is very old

*that story is as old as the hills, but the children hadn't heard it before and enjoyed it*

**as clear as mud:**

if you say that something is *as clear as mud*, you mean that it is very difficult to understand

*these are instructions as clear as mud!*

**STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 108–109****comprehensive** /ˌkɒmpri'hensɪv/ Adjective

something that is *comprehensive* includes as much detail and as many relevant things as possible

*the first comprehensive book about the war | a comprehensive list of winners can be found on our website | a comprehensive survey of the birds of Canada*

Adverb: *comprehensively*

*this topic will be comprehensively discussed in the next chapter*

• **complet****couple with** /'kʌp(ə)l wɪð/ Phrasal verb

if something is *coupled with* another thing, the two things combine in some way and produce a particular result

*this fear of borrowing has been coupled with an effort to reduce state intervention | the advantages are lightness coupled with great strength | cold temperatures coupled with strong winds made it very uncomfortable outside*

• **associer à****cripple** /'krɪp(ə)l/ Verb

if something *cripples* a machine, organisation, or activity, it damages it so much that it cannot work properly any more

*the old colonial powers were crippled by debts | the virus might slow down or cripple your computer*

Adjective: *crippled* | Adjective: *crippling*

Collocates: *crippling debt* | *a crippling blow*

*it will take years for our crippled economy to recover | crippling debts forced them to sell the company*

• **paralyser****declaration** /ˌdeklə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *declaration* is a formal statement announcing a serious action that a government is starting to take

Collocates: a *declaration of something* | *make/issue a declaration*

*the president made a declaration on state television | the two sides issued a joint declaration at the end of the conference*

Verb: *declare*

Collocates: *declare independence* | *declare war*

*Croatia declared independence on 8 October 1991 | the following day, Chamberlain declared war*

• **déclaration****elaborate** /ɪ'læbəreɪt/ Verb

if you *elaborate* on something, you say more about it and provide more details about it

Collocates: *elaborate on something*

*could you elaborate on that a little? | I'll elaborate on this idea in the next lecture | all this will be fully elaborated in the next chapter*

Noun: *elaboration*

*I think this idea needs further elaboration*

• **développeur****embrace** /ɪm'breɪs/ Noun

an *embrace* of new ideas, ways of doing things, change, etc., is an enthusiastic acceptance of them

Collocates: *an embrace of something*

*our embrace of science and technology dates back to the second world war | his embrace of Thatcher's political philosophy did not last long*

Verb: *embrace*

*some people embrace change and find it exciting*

• **accueil****flower** /'flaʊə(r)/ Verb

if an idea or relationship *flowers*, it develops and becomes stronger and more successful

*women's liberation flowered in the 1960s and 1970s | his love of poetry flowered at university | we need to give her an environment where her creativity can flower*

• **s'épanouir****go over** /ˌgəʊ 'əʊvə(r)/ Phrasal verb

if you *go over* something, you repeat it in order to try and understand it better or to make it clear to someone

*could you go over that again? | I went over what I wanted to say several times before picking up the phone | we've gone over this three times already*

• **répéter**

**head** /hed/ Noun

your *head* is the top part of your body that holds your brain.  
You can use the word *head* in a number of expressions to do with your ability to think

*for some reason, he got it into his head that I was German | I'm sure you can work it out – just use your head!*

• **tête**

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**incur** /ɪn'kʊ:(r)/ Verb

if you *incur* debts, losses, costs, etc. you start to owe money for something

Collocates: incur debts/losses/costs/expenses

*they incurred huge debts during the war | are you willing to incur the additional expense of travelling first class?*

• **contracter**

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**intervention** /,ɪntə(r)'venʃ(ə)n/ Noun

*intervention* is the act of starting to become involved in a situation in order to have an effect on what happens

*the government are trying to reduce the amount of state intervention in people's lives | direct military intervention was going to be politically dangerous*

Verb: *intervene*

*Roosevelt personally intervened in the dispute*

• **intervention**

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**kick-start** /'kɪk stɑ:(r)t/ Verb

if you *kick-start* a motorbike, you make the engine start by pressing a lever with your foot. If you *kick-start* a process, you do what is necessary to help it start or develop more quickly

*what better way to kick-start the economy than by developing trade with China | the success of his first novel kick-started his career as a writer | it is up to the government to kick-start the housing market*

• **démarrer**

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**massacre** /'mæsəkə(r)/ Noun

a *massacre* is the killing of a lot of people in a short space of time in a violent way

*after another massacre in the town, fresh calls for gun control were made | another survivor described the massacre of her family*

Verb: *massacre*

*thousands of civilians were massacred*

• **massacre**

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**nationalise** /'næʃ(ə)nəlaɪz/ Verb

when a company *is nationalised*, it stops being privately owned and starts being controlled by the government of the country where it is based

*lots of companies and banks were nationalised | the new Labour government nationalised the coal industry | in 1956, Nasser nationalised the Suez Canal*

Noun: *nationalisation* | Adjective: *nationalised*

Collocates: the nationalisation of something | nationalised industries

*the nationalisation of the coal industry*

• **nationaliser**

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**overstatement** /,əʊvə(r)'steɪtmənt/ Noun

an *overstatement* is an exaggerated statement that describes something as being more important or serious than it really is

*don't you think it's an overstatement to say that it failed? | it might sound dramatic, but it's not an overstatement*

Verb: *overstate*

*these figures overstate the extent of the problem*

• **exagération**

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**overthrow** /'əʊvə(r)'θrəʊ/ Noun

the *overthrow* of a government or political leader is their removal, usually by force

*following the overthrow of the old regime, a new government was formed | their aim is the violent overthrow of democracy*

Verb: *overthrow*

*the government was overthrown just five months after it was elected*

• **renverser**

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**reform** /rɪ'fɔ:(r)m/ Noun

a *reform* is a change to an existing law, system, or institution  
*educational reform was an important topic during the election | the last major tax reform was in 1986*

Verb: *reform* | Noun: *reformer*

*an attempt to reform the House of Lords | the government are about to reform the tax system*

• **réforme**

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**resistance** /rɪ'zɪst(ə)ns/ Noun uncount

the *Resistance* is the group of people who continue to fight against an army that has invaded and taken control of their country. *Resistance* is also the activity that they do

*many women were central to the resistance movement that fought against the occupation | ten members of the Resistance were arrested and shot*

Verb: *resist*

*the inhabitants were resisting occupation of their land*

• **résistance**

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**scale** /skeɪl/ Noun

the *scale* of something is its size or extent

Collocates: the (sheer) *scale* of something | on a particular *scale*

*it's difficult for us to get our heads round the sheer scale of the devastation* | *a large scale research project*

- *étendue*

**seed** /si:d/ Noun

a *seed* is a small part of a plant that you put into the ground in order to grow a new plant. You can use the word *seed* to talk about something that is the beginning of a new idea, activity, or belief

Collocates: sow the *seeds* (of something)

*the war sowed the first seeds of women's liberation* | *we started with £3000 seed money (a little money to get a project started)*

- *graine*

**spark** /spɑ:(r)k/ Noun

a *spark* is something that causes a serious event to happen or develop

*maybe it would have happened anyway, but the war provided the spark at the time* | *it proved to be the spark that started the revolution*

Verb: *spark*

*the announcement sparked widespread demonstrations*

- *étincelle*

**turning point** /'tɜ:(r)niŋ pɔɪnt/ Noun

a *turning point* is a time during a process or sequence of events when things start to change and develop in a different way and therefore change the eventual result

*the election marked a turning point in the country's history* | *a turning point in the strike came a week later*

- *moment décisif*

**untenable** /ʌn'tenəb(ə)l/ Adjective

if a belief, situation, or position is *untenable*, it cannot continue because there is a serious problem with it

*the prime minister's position was untenable when he lost the vote in parliament (he could no longer continue as prime minister)* | *the situation was now untenable and the army retreated back to the other side of the river*

- *intenable*

**vivid** /'vɪvɪd/ Adjective

something that is *vivid* is very clear, understandable, and contains a lot of detail

Collocates: a *vivid* description/memory

*Keith Lowe's book gives a very vivid account of the whole process* | *he still has vivid memories of his first day at school*

Adverb: *vividly* | Noun: *vividness*

*I vividly remember two events from that trip* | *that Christmas remains in my memory with great vividness*

- *vif*

**welfare** /'welfeə(r)/ Noun uncount

*welfare* is all the things that a state does for its citizens, such as providing medical care, pensions, unemployment benefits, etc.

*in many European countries, welfare systems simply didn't exist before the war* | *spending on health, social welfare, and education must not be allowed to drop*

- *aide sociale*

**widowed** /'wɪdəʊd/ Adjective

a *widow* is someone whose husband has died. A *widower* is someone whose wife has died. Someone who is *widowed* had a husband or wife who has died

*she lived with her widowed sister-in-law in Paris* | *less than ten per cent of single parents are widowed mothers*

Verb: *widow* | Noun: *widow* | Noun: *widower*

*thousands of women were widowed by the war* | *he left a widow and three small children*

- *veuf*

**STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 110–111****assert** /ə'sɜ:(r)t/ Verb

if you *assert* something, you say very firmly that you believe it is true

Collocates: *assert* that

*some historians assert that the decline of the Roman Empire was the result of a series of invasions* | *Oswald repeatedly asserted his innocence* | *this did not prevent him from asserting his opinion*

Noun: *assertion*

*his assertion was not based on any evidence*

- *affirmer*

**assign** /ə'saɪn/ Verb

to *assign* someone to a particular task means to make them do that task. To *assign* someone to a particular place means to send them to work there

Collocates: *assign* someone to do something | *assign* someone to somewhere

*she assigned the students to groups and gave each group a separate task* | *after three weeks, she was assigned to the Manchester branch* | *Somerville was permanently assigned to the Embassy in Lisbon*

Noun: *assignment*

*following his assignment to Washington, he received a large pay rise*

- *affecter*

**cast** /kɑ:st/ Verb

if you *cast* doubt on something, you make people think it might not be true. If you *cast* light on something, you say something that makes people understand it better

*several people have already cast doubt on these claims* | *a recent book has cast doubt on these conclusions* | *the story cast some light on the sort of person he was*

- *jeter*



**challenge** /ˈtʃæləndʒ/ Verb

if you *challenge* something, you suggest that it is not true  
*the article challenged the conventional views of the time | he is known for challenging the current beliefs in his field | I have to challenge your assertion that we will never know the truth about this*

- *contester*

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**consume** /kən'sju:m/ Verb

if a feeling or desire *consumes* someone, they feel it very strongly and cannot control it  
*more than 30 other people had been consumed by a similar urge | he was consumed by a desire for revenge | her feelings of guilt began to consume her*

- *dévoré*

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**contend** /kən'tend/ Verb

if you *contend* that something is the case, you say quite firmly that you believe it is true

Collocates: contend that

*many psychologists contend that extreme stress was the cause | the author contends that the state should not be responsible for education | opponents contend that this would be a tax on breathing*

Noun: contention

*there is no evidence for his contention that speed limits have no effect*

- *soutenir*

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**craze** /kreɪz/ Noun

a *craze* is something that becomes very popular for a short time

*the disco craze spread around the world in the 1970s | there was a brief craze for knitting at my school*

- *engouement*

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**demonstrate** /ˈdemənstreɪt/ Verb

if you *demonstrate* something, you show that it exists or is true

*students should demonstrate an understanding of at least three languages | the research demonstrated the effectiveness of the new drug | these results demonstrate the importance of regular practice*

- *démontrer*

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**epidemic** /ˌepɪ'demɪk/ Noun

when there is an *epidemic*, a serious disease affects a large number of people at the same time

*the flu epidemic of 1919 | the epidemic spread very rapidly into neighbouring countries*

- *épidémie*

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**handful** /'hæn(d)fʊl/ Noun

a *handful* is the amount of something you can hold in your hand. You can use the word *handful* to say that a quantity of something is not very big

*there have been only a small handful of cases since then | eat a handful of peanuts in the middle of the afternoon*

- *poignée*

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**harsh** /hɑː(r)ʃ/ Adjective

something that is *harsh* is very difficult to live with, or is very cruel or unfair

*harsh environmental conditions were to blame | they received harsh punishment | the harsh reality is that we can't afford to replace the car*

Adverb: harshly | Noun: harshness

*the sun shone harshly all afternoon | the book clearly shows the harshness of life in the 17th century*

- *dur*

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**holy** /'həʊli/ Adjective

something that is *holy* is considered to be very special by a particular religion

*a holy shrine | the river Ganges is considered holy by Hindus | Jerusalem is holy to three great religions*

Noun: holiness

*it is a place of great holiness*

- *saint*

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**mania** /'meɪniə/ Noun

a *mania* for something is a strong interest in it and a desire to be involved in it, especially when a lot of people are affected by it at the same time

*there had been several earlier instances of dancing mania | luckily, his mania for gambling did not last long*

- *passion*

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**plague** /pleɪɡ/ Noun

a *plague* is a serious disease that can kill a lot of people very quickly. You can also use the word *plague* to talk about something unwanted that is difficult to control, or about a large number of rats, insects, etc.

*they thought the dancing plague was a natural disorder caused by hot blood | it was rumoured that a plague of rats was living in the underground railway network*

Verb: plague

*we've been plagued with flies all summer*

- *peste*

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**plausible** /'plɔːzəb(ə)/ Adjective

something that is *plausible* is reasonable and seems likely to be true

*I couldn't think of a plausible explanation for the incident | it was a perfectly plausible theory | she needed a plausible excuse for not going to the theatre*

Adverb: *plausibly* | Opposites – Adjective *implausible* | Adverb: *implausibly*

*he could not plausibly explain how he was two hours late for the meeting | it seems implausible that the marketing campaign could result in a 40% increase in profits*

- **plausible**

**rule out** /,ru:l 'aʊt/ Phrasal verb

to *rule something out* means to decide that it is not possible or relevant

*medical experts ruled out supernatural causes | that possibility has since been ruled out | at first we thought he was too hot, but we ruled that out when we took his temperature*

- **exclure**

**shrine** /'fraɪn/ Noun

a *shrine* is a special place that is associated with a holy event or person. You can also refer to somewhere as a *shrine* when it is connected very strongly with a particular person or activity

Collocates: a shrine to someone or something  
*some of the dancers were taken to a special healing shrine | his entire house is a shrine to chess*

- **lieu saint**

**stage** /sterdʒ/ Verb

to *stage* an event or activity means to organise it and make it happen

*they staged a walkout in protest at the cuts | the students staged a concert on the last day of term | similar exhibitions were successfully staged in Belfast and Cardiff*

Adjective: *staged*

*it was a very carefully staged event*

- **organiser**

**unorthodox** /ʌn'ɔː(r)θədɒks/ Adjective

something that is *unorthodox* is considered to be unusual by most people

*it was a rather unorthodox attempt to cure the problem | she demonstrated an unorthodox approach to solving the problem | he held unorthodox views*

Opposite: *orthodox*

*the orthodox view was that government needed to encourage more private enterprise*

- **pas très orthodoxe**

**withdrawal** /wɪð'drɔːəl/ Noun

the *withdrawal* of something or someone is their removal from the place where they are

*the troop withdrawal was completed a week later | I went to the bank and made a withdrawal of £200*

Verb: *withdraw*

*British forces were withdrawn in 1954*

- **retrait**

**STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 112–113****in vain** /ɪn veɪn/ Adverb

a *vain* attempt or action does not succeed in what it is trying to do. If you do something *in vain*, you fail to achieve what you wanted to

*I tried in vain to get the mark off my shirt | we spent the afternoon looking for the ring, but in vain*

- **en vain**

**mould** /məʊld/ Noun

a *mould* is a container with a special shape. You pour liquid into it, and when the liquid becomes solid it has the same shape as the container

*a set of jelly moulds in the shape of different fish | pour the wax very carefully into the mould*

- **moule**

**rightful** /'raɪt(f)əl/ Adjective

*rightful* things or people are officially accepted as being legally right or correct

*they believed he was their rightful king | our family have been the rightful owners of the castle for over 500 years | they robbed him of his rightful inheritance*

Adverb: *rightfully*

*we only want what is rightfully ours*

- **légitime**