

VOCABULARY

Nouns

Historic events

achievement
assassination
catastrophe
discovery
election
epidemic
invention
natural disaster
terrorism/terrorist act

Other

billion
century
compass
debut
existence
fad

human
humankind
impact
penicillin
roof garden
sensation
space
speculation
trend

Adjectives

biodegradable
major
overnight

Verbs

alter
appreciate
become
come on

cure
hit
hold
release
retain
rip
set up
spread
steal
take place

Adverb

quickly

Prepositions

during
for (50 years)
in (existence/1989)
since
within (the next 5 years)

EXPRESSIONS

Talking about historical events

When did . . . begin?
During/In the (1910s/ . . .).
About . . . years ago.
How long was the . . . ?
From . . . to . . . /For . . . years.
How long has the . . . been in existence?
Since . . . /For about the last . . . years.
For over . . . years.

Making a prediction

I guess . . .