

## How did the Romans change Britain?

The Romans came to Britain nearly 2,000 years ago. They made lots of big changes to the way people lived. Before the Romans arrived, most people in Britain lived in small, round houses made from wood and straw. The Romans built strong, straight roads so their soldiers could travel quickly. Some of these roads still exist today!

The Romans also built towns with proper streets, markets and public baths where people could wash and meet their friends. They built walls around towns to keep people safe.

Roman soldiers brought new foods to Britain, like grapes and carrots. They also introduced new ways of writing and counting.

Life in Britain changed a great deal because of the Romans, and we can still see their influence today.



## Questions

1. How long ago did the Romans come to Britain?
2. What shape were the houses that most people lived in before the Romans came?
3. What were these early houses made from?
4. Why did the Romans build straight roads?
5. Do any Roman roads still exist today?
6. Name one type of building the Romans built in their towns.
7. What did the Romans build around towns to keep people safe?
8. Name one food the Romans brought to Britain.
9. What two new skills did the Romans introduce?
10. Why do you think it was useful for soldiers to be able to travel quickly along straight roads?

