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Britain in the 1980s

In 1982 the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher declared war against the Argentinians when they invaded the Falklands and Britain went to war.

In the 1980s there were two Royal weddings. Prince Charles married Lady Diana and Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson.



In the 1980s there were many new things to try. Microwave ovens became popular, telephones were becoming common in many homes. Disposable nappies also came on the market.

Nintendo Entertainment system launched with the game 'Super Mario Brothers'.

Microsoft windows was launched and mobile phones were introduced.

Seat belts in the front seats of cars were made compulsory in 1983.

The former member of The Beatles, John Lennon was assassinated in New York in 1980.

In 1984 there was an assassination attempt on the British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher.

In the 80s new music arrived in the form of Hip Hop and Rap. Some other popular performers in the 80s were Culture Club, Band Aid and Micheal Jackson.

Popular films of the decade include E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, Star Wars: Return of the Jedi, Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Batman and Back to the Future.

Popular toys in this era were the Rubik Cube, BMX bikes, cabbage patch dolls and transformers.

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Questions:

- 1) Which year did Britain declare war on Argentina? _____
- 2) Which country did Argentina invade? _____
- 3) Which two Royal marriages happened in the 80s and who did they marry?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
- 4) Which game did Nintendo launch in the 80s?

- 5) What became compulsory in 1983?

- 6) Name two musical artists of the 80s:

- 7) Were microwave ovens available in the 80s? _____
- 8) Name two popular toys of the 80s:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
- 9) Name two popular films of the 80s:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
- 10) Which year was John Lennon assassinated? _____