**King George V’s Coronation**
King George V was made King of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India after his father King Edward VII died.

**The Titanic Sinks**
The Titanic, which was referred to as the ‘unsinkable ship’, struck an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean on its journey from Southampton to New York. The ship sank and approximately 1,500 of the estimated 2,225 people on board died.

**First World War Ends**
The First World War ended when Germany signed an armistice (a peace agreement) that was prepared by Britain and France. It is estimated that 15–19 million people died in the four years of conflict.

**The Great Depression**
Before the United Kingdom had been able to recover fully from the effects of the First World War, the Great Depression occurred; it brought financial instability and high levels of unemployment. It first began in America and then spread across the world. The industrial areas of the UK were the worst hit. In some areas, unemployment was at 70%.

**(Some) Women Gain the Vote**
The Representation of the People Act (1918) was passed; it allowed women over the age of 30, who met a property qualification, to vote. However, women still had fewer voting rights than men. The same Act extended the vote to virtually all men over the age of 21.

**The National Coal Strike**
In their first ever strike, coal miners refused to work until they were granted a minimum wage. Almost one million miners participated in a strike that lasted for 37 days until the government intervened, passing the Coal Mines Act, which gave workers a right to a minimum wage.
Directions for the teacher: Before the lesson begins, print out and cut up the context cards to hand out to the students. Students should either have a context card or a context image.