QUEEN VICTORIA (born 1819 – died 1901) (reign: 1837 - 1901) Listen:

Connect:

marry	cousin	wore	the rest of her life	funeral	decorate

братовчед	погребение	женя се	носила (дрехи)	остатъка от живота си	украсявам

Queen Victoria was queen of the United Kingdom for 64 years! She married her German cousin, Prince Albert. They loved each other very much. They had nine children. When Albert died in 1861, Victoria wore black clothes for the rest of her life. But she didn't like black funerals. On the day of her funeral Britain was decorated in white and purple.

sign	age	railway system	goods	invent	electricity

стоки	ЖП система	знак	епоха	електричество	изобретявам

Victoria was very popular with the British. In 1887 there were big street parties for her. Signs everywhere said, '50 years our Queen'. In 1897 there were more parties for her after 60 years as queen. And of course British people liked her! Britain was rich and Queen Victoria even became the Empress of India. In the Victorian age Britain had a large Empire – with land in Africa, India, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. And she built England. A lot of people now live in Victorian houses. The town halls, libraries, universities, museums, churches and even the railway system also date from that time. Well, over half of the world's goods were transported to Britain by ships. Victorians also invented lots of technology such as electricity, the car, and the radio. Yet, millions had difficult lives and suffered high death rate – the workers who built the railway lines died more while they were working than the soldiers who fought against Napoleon. Children as young as 6-7 years old worked in factories and mines. Charles Dickens wrote his famous books – 'Oliver Twist' and 'Hard Times' - to tell about their hard lives.

suffer	death rate	factory	mine	manners	offensive

фабрика	мина	страдам	смъртност	обиден	обноски

During the Victorian age manners were everything. A lot of words were offensive such as the words *legs* or *trousers*. Some Victorians even dressed their piano legs in little skirts.