

# Era

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“Era” is a noun. It has one central meaning and is used to talk about history. Let’s look at some example sentences:

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The noun “Era” means a long and clear period of history.

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- + His resignation marked the end of an **era** at the club.
- + He worked as a lawyer during one of the most turbulent **eras** of British history.
- + Marilyn Monroe became a popular cultural icon who defined that **era** of American history.
- + The company struggled to update its working practices for the digital **era**.
- + As you walk around the city you can see architecture from many **eras** of European history.

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In a similar way “era” is used to date periods of history from a particular event.

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- + Many traditions that we now follow are from the Victorian **era**.
- + Gold coins were discovered dating from the Byzantine and Islamic **eras**.
- + During the Edo **era**, Japan was largely closed to foreigners.
- + Myths of a solar hero can be seen in many ancient civilisations before the Christian **era**.

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“Era” is also used to talk about very long geological time periods.

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- + The fossils are from two different **eras**, the Paleozoic and the Mesozoic.
- + We are currently in what is called the Cenozoic **Era** which covers the last 66 million years of earth’s history.

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The pronunciation is /'ɪərə/.

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