

The Romans in Britain (A history in 40 words)

The Romans gave us aqueducts,
Fine buildings and straight roads,
Where all those Roman legionaries
Marched with heavy loads.

They gave us central heating,
Good laws, a peaceful home...
Then after just four centuries
They shuffled back to Rome.

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Root words and their definitions

Use a dictionary to find the definitions and origins of the words below. Do the words, or part of the words, originate from Latin (the language of the Romans)?

Aquatic	
Beast	<i>Beast, or bestial (like a beast)</i> Comes from the Latin word <i>bestia</i> meaning an animal.
Camping	
Circus	
Dental	
Fortify	
Furtive	
Generate	

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Corpse

Insular

Illiterate

Literate – to be able to read

Comes from the Latin word littera meaning a letter.

Manual

Neutral

Oval

Pulverise

Rotund

What have the Romans ever done for us?

Architecture	Art (Roman)	Literature (Roman)	Language (Latin)
Education	Sanitation (Sewage)	Cement and bricks	Aqueducts
Coins	Irrigation (Water supply)	Public heated baths	The calendar
Paved streets and pavements	Advertisements	Apples, pears and grapes	Benefits (free food) for poor citizens
Public notices	Tenement blocks	Roads	Public libraries
Stinging nettles	Towns	Glass	Street cleaners
Shops	Widely applied laws	Wine	Public order
Firemen and Police	Parks	Cabbages and peas	Cats

Discuss each of these –

Where can we see the Roman legacy?

