

Edward VI— the boy King

Edward VI was nine when his father Henry VIII died and he became the new King. Although Henry VIII, had removed the pope as head of the church in England, he had not changed the church very much. When Edward was king, major changes took place. Laws were passed to make churches more simple; stained glass windows and pictures were removed from churches and the furniture within churches became very basic and plain.

The actual services became more simple and people could now understand what was being said as services were in English. Archbishop Cranmer wrote a prayer book also in English. Priests did not have to dress in the bright clothing like in the Catholic Church and under Edward, they were allowed to marry. The king remained as head of the church. All of these changes were a major break from what the Catholic Church had been like.

Task:

For this task you are going to be **READING**



DETECTIVES

- 1) Read the first paragraph. How many changes can you find? Make a list of the changes to the church that Edward introduced.
- 2) Now read the second paragraph. There are more changes here. Some of the changes are listed below but some mistakes have been made. Write out the correct statements but change the ones with mistakes:
 - ? The services were easier to understand because they were now in French
 - ? The Prayer book was written in English
 - ? Priests were meant to wear coloured clothing
 - ? Priests were allowed to marry
- 3) See if you can work out what these words are:
 - CCLOATHI (the church that Henry broke away from)
 - SHENLIG (the language spoken in Edward's church)
 - WDEDAR (the boy king)
 - TSTPORETAN (the church that Edward belonged to)
 - DSNAITE SSLAG (windows with coloured pictures)