

Wider World 1. Unit 7. Reading

READING

- 3 Read the article about living like people 150 years ago and say if the sentences are True (T), False (F) or Doesn't say (?). Put a cross (X) in the correct place in the table.

Sentences	T	F	?
1 The family lived like people in the nineteenth century.			
2 They stayed in the house for two weeks.			
3 Albert loved playing the games they played as families in the past.			
4 Albert really missed playing on the computer.			
5 Albert likes learning at school more than learning at home.			
6 Albert worked as well as learning during the filming.			
7 Albert's mum preferred life back then to life now.			

Life in a Nineteenth-Century House

As part of a recent TV programme, a twenty-first-century family spent one month living in the same way as people in the 1850s. Two weeks after filming in the specially-designed house finished, we talk to Albert, one of the children, about his experience.

Q: What was the best thing about the experience?

A: I think it was finding lots of new (or maybe that should be old!) and exciting things to do. I climbed a lot of trees and made lots of things. Normally, we play games together or I find things to do on the computer, but I really enjoyed doing different stuff and didn't really think about using my laptop or smartphone.

Q: And what about the worst thing?

A: The education! We learnt everything at home with Mum and Dad. Not all children had to go to school until 1880 and even then it was only children aged 5–10. Most young people my age already had jobs. I felt very happy to have a good school! Mum tried her best, but she was too busy with other things. Women in those days had to do everything in the home, so I think Mum wasn't too unhappy when we returned to the twenty-first century!