2 Life in the past

Reading

Adapted from The Diary of Samuel Pepys

In 1666, Samuel Pepys, a writer and government administrator in Great Britain, wrote a famous diary.

Monday, 22nd January It was very cold this morning - there was ice on the inside of the windows! The ***servants*** made a fire for me in the bedroom. I had to wear three jackets, but I was still ***freezing***! It was dark , too - I needed two candles to write this diary entry.	**Friday, 15th June** Today I bought Elisabeth a very expensive necklace - it costs £4! Mr Hales is coming to paint her ***portrait*** today. He's an art artist, but he used to work in my office. I'm worried because Elisabeth's false teeth are very uncomfortable. She'll have to sit for hours while Mr hales paints her portrait - I hope she doesn't ,look unhappy.
Wednesday, 7th February Most people haven't got a clock or a watch because they're very expensive. Last night, the cat woke me up. I didn't know what time it was. Then I heard the night watchman shouting, ' One o'clock on a cold and windy night'. This morning, I bought my very first watch, so now I'll always know the time!	**Sunday, 2nd September** The servants woke me up early this morning - there's a great fire in the City of London! It was an emergency, so I rode my horse into the city to speak to the King. There used to ***build*** houses here with stone. Now they use wood, so the fire is growing very quickly. ***Soldiers*** are pulling down houses in front of the fire, but it's still moving very fast.
Friday, 16th March I can't see very well, so yesterday I bought a pair of glasses. I took the boat to my ***office*** and I could see all the ships, so it was difficult to get to work. The river didn't use to be so busy. But I'm so pleased that I can see clearly again!	**Monday, 4th September** Elisabeth and I were worried that our house was going to **burn down**, so this afternoon we took our ***possessions*** outside and hid them. One of my most expensive possessions is a block of Parmesan cheese from Italy! We ***dug*** a hole in the garden and ***buried*** the cheese so no one can steal it! I hope it stays safe!

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UNIT 2 : Life in the past (Comprehension questions)

Read the story then answers the questions.

1. Why didn't Samuel know the time when he woke up?

   It was because

2. Why was he able to see the ships on the Thames?

   It was because

3. Who do you think Elisabeth was?

4. Was Samuel an important person? Why? Why not?

5. Why did the fire grow so quickly?

6. Why did Samuel and Elisabeth bury the cheese?

Skills :3.3.1 Read and enjoy A2 fiction /non-fiction print and digital print texts of interest.
1.2.5 Understand more complex supported questions..
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