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### TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The first traffic signal was invented by a railway signalling engineer. It was installed (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the Houses of Parliament in 1868. It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ like any railway signal of the time, and was operated by gas.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_, it exploded and killed a policeman, and the accident (4) \_\_\_\_\_ further development until cars became common. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ traffic lights are an American invention. Red-green (6) \_\_\_\_\_ were installed in Cleveland in 1914. Three-color signals, operated (7) \_\_\_\_\_ hand from a tower in the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the street, were installed in New York in 1918.

The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ lights of this type to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in Britain were in London, on the junction between St. James's Street and Piccadilly, in 1925. Automatic signals were installed (11) \_\_\_\_\_ year later. In the past, traffic lights were (12) \_\_\_\_\_. In New York, some lights had a statue on top. In Los Angeles, the lights did not just (13) \_\_\_\_\_ silently, but would ring bells to (14) \_\_\_\_\_ the sleeping motorists of the 1930s. These are gone and have been (15) \_\_\_\_\_ by standard models which are universally adopted.



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|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | 1. out         | 2. out of     | 3. outside   | 4. outdoors     |
| 2.  | 1. seemed      | 2. showed     | 3. resembled | 4. looked       |
| 3.  | 1. Therefore   | 2. However    | 3. Despite   | 4. Although     |
| 4.  | 1. discouraged | 2. forbade    | 3. avoided   | 4. disappointed |
| 5.  | 1. New         | 2. Recent     | 3. Late      | 4. Modern       |
| 6.  | 1. systems     | 2. methods    | 3. means     | 4. ways         |
| 7.  | 1. with        | 2. through    | 3. by        | 4. in           |
| 8.  | 1. heart       | 2. middle     | 3. focus     | 4. halfway      |
| 9.  | 1. original    | 2. primary    | 3. early     | 4. first        |
| 10. | 1. appear      | 2. show       | 3. happened  | 4. become       |
| 11. | 1. in the      | 2. in a       | 3. a         | 4. the          |
| 12. | 1. various     | 2. particular | 3. special   | 4. rare         |
| 13. | 1. move        | 2. change     | 3. vary      | 4. alter        |
| 14. | 1. wake        | 2. rise       | 3. raise     | 4. get up       |
| 15. | 1. removed     | 2. remained   | 3. replaced  | 4. Reproduced   |