

READING

Read this text about what life was like in New York in 1900

New York in 1900!

What was New York like in 1900? It was very different to New York today. Let's see!



In 1900 New York was a very big city. There were more than three million people. It was the biggest city in the USA. In New York today there are lots of very tall buildings, called skyscrapers. In 1900, there weren't any very tall skyscrapers, but there were some big buildings. There was the Statue of Liberty in New York harbour. You can still see the Statue of Liberty in New York today.



The biggest houses had electric lights, but lots of houses and flats had candles. Some people had phones, but there weren't any computers so people didn't have email. There weren't any microwaves. People had big cookers.



There were lots of theatres in New York, but there weren't any cinemas. People didn't have TVs, but they had books.

Lots of people had horses and carriages, but some people had cars. There were taxis in New York in 1900, and buses and even underground trains. There weren't any planes and there wasn't an airport. There were big boats that came to New York from Europe.

Label the pictures. Drag and drop.

carriage

candle

cooker

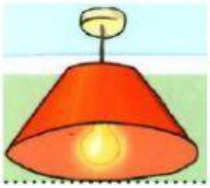
underground train

microwave

electric light









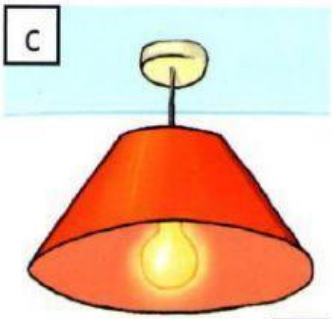


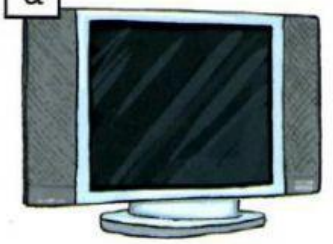


Read the text and tick (✔)the things that New York had in 1900

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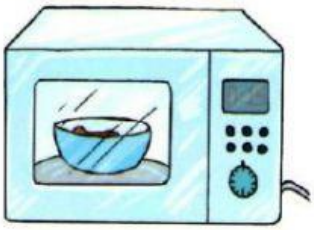
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Read and say TRUE or FALSE

1 New York was a very big city in 1900.
2 Some people had electric lights in their houses.
3 There was a big airport.
4 People had computers and TVs in their houses.
5 Lots of people had horses and carriages.
6 There were buses and taxis.

Complete the sentences using There was, There were, There wasn´t or There weren´t

1 There were _____ theatres in New York in 1900.
2 _____ telephones in the houses.
3 _____ an airport.
4 _____ any cinemas in New York.
5 _____ underground trains.