



# The city of Paris 150 years ago 170

Read this text about Paris 150 years ago



Paris is one of the largest cities in Europe. It has got many special attractions, for example, the Louvre Museum, the Eiffel Tower and the Arc of Triumph. There are nine million people living in Paris nowadays and it is one the most modern places in the world.

However, many years ago, life in this city was very different. There were six million people and their life style was simpler than today's. There wasn't electricity in all the houses so some people used candles to light the place.



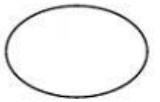
There weren't any computers or mobile phones so people talked face to face and wrote letters by hand. They travelled by carriages or rode horses to go to work but most of them walked. Unbelievable!



Life for children was also very different. Of course, there weren't any videogames so children played with marbles or with wooden toys. They also helped their parents to wash

the clothes by hand or to wash the dishes after school. YouTube or Spotify didn't exist so if they wanted to listen to music, they had to go to the theatre where musicians played their instruments. They enjoyed playing games with their friends on the street.





**1-Read the sentences and choose TRUE or FALSE.**

A- In the past, people wrote e-mails to their friends.

B- Children didn't help their parents at home.

C- Not all the people used electricity to light the houses.

D- There were nine million people in Paris 150 years ago.

E- In the city, people talked by Face Time.

**2-Read and CLICK on the correct option.**

- a- *There was /There wasn't* electricity in all the houses .
- b- *There wasn't /there weren't* any cars in the city 150 years ago.
- c- *There were /there weren't* theatres in the city 150 years ago.
- d- *There was/there wasn't* a sports centre in the city 150 years ago.

**3-Look at the pictures and tick the things that existed in Paris in those days**

