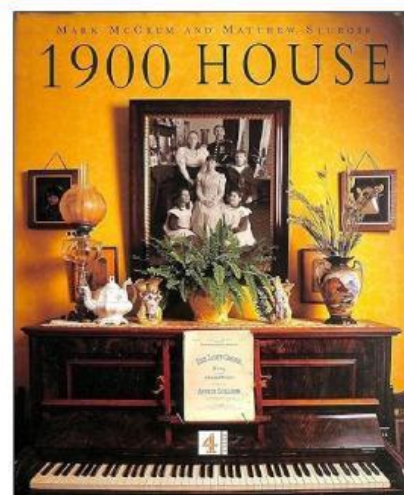


THE 1900 HOUSE

What would you do if you didn't have a television, a mobile phone or a computer? The Bowler family from London can answer those questions. They travelled back in time to the year 1900!

A few years ago a British television channel made a reality TV programme called *The 1900 House*. The show was about a modern family who spent some time living like people in the year 1900. The Bowlers were chosen because they were a typical modern family: they lived in a house with a lot of technological equipment and the children loved the modern luxuries of mobile phones, CD players and computers!



Before the programme started, a London house was transformed. It became the same house of the year 1900. All the modern things in the house were taken out. There wasn't a washing machine, for example, so the family had to wash their clothes by hand. The Bowlers lived in the 1900 house for three months. During that time, they were filmed every day. At first they had a lot of problems because they couldn't use modern things and electricity, just gas lights. But there were things that the family liked, too. They talked more, for example.

And, at the end of the three months, some members of the family were sad when they had to leave the house! Kathryn, 16 years old, didn't like the experience because it was too long ... she says she can't stand the Victorians now! Paul (the dad) says the worst part of the experience was when he had to leave the house, he just missed the telephone and communication aspect of their time. While Hilary (11) missed her CD player because she likes listening to music and she relaxes when she does that.

When the Bowlers went back to their real house the first things they used were the shower, the lights, the kettle, the computer games and the CD players.

Are the sentences True / False / Not Given?

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| 1. The Bowlers loved history. | T | F | NG |
| 2. The 1900 house had lots of technological equipment. | T | F | NG |
| 3. The Bowlers spent 2 months in the 1900 house. | T | F | NG |
| 4. The Bowlers could listen to music from a gramophone. | T | F | NG |
| 5. The family could use their digital devices when they wanted. | T | F | NG |
| 6. Kathryn wanted to stay longer. | T | F | NG |
| 7. Paul missed using media. | T | F | NG |
| 8. The first thing they used back home was electricity. | T | F | NG |

Choose the right answer:

Why was the Bowler family chosen for the programme?

- A) They already lived without modern technology.
- B) They were famous in London.
- C) They were a typical modern family.
- D) They wanted to build a house from 1900.

How long did the Bowler family stay in the 1900 house?

- A) One month
- B) Two months
- C) Four weeks
- D) Three months

What was one positive thing the family noticed during their time in the 1900 house?

- A) They could listen to music more.
- B) They talked more with each other.
- C) They learned to fix broken computers.
- D) They had more time to watch TV.

What did the family do first when they went back to their real home?

- A) They washed all their clothes.
- B) They cleaned the house.
- C) They used modern appliances and devices.
- D) They watched TV.

Answer the questions with a full sentence in your notebook.

1. Who made *The 1900 House*?
2. What type of programme was it?
3. Where was the TV programme filmed?
4. How was the house prepared for the programme?
5. What sort of problems did the Bowlers have in the house?
6. What did Kathryn say about that experience?
7. Do you like reality shows? What kinds of TV programmes do you prefer?
8. What would you miss more if you were in *The 1900 House*?

