

1. Read the text by yourself.
2. Then, answer the questions in the next activity.

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Our world


noisy


carriage

1 Listen and read. 

Social Studies

A CITY FROM THE PAST



This is a picture of New York City in the year 1900. It was very different then. There weren't any shopping centres or cinemas, but there were shops and theatres.

There weren't many cars back then, but there were lots of horses and carriages. The streets of New York City weren't quiet. They were noisy and full of people, just like today.



Year 3 Reading Comprehension (A City from the Past)

Instruction: Read the text “A City from the Past”. Then answer the questions.

PART ONE

A. Choose the correct answer.

Tip: 🧐 Look for information about **places, transport and the streets** in New York City in 1900.

1. Which city is the text about?
 - A. London
 - B. New York City
 - C. Kuala Lumpur
2. What year is shown in the picture?
 - A. 1800
 - B. 1900
 - C. 2000
3. What places were in New York City in 1900?
 - A. Shops and theatres
 - B. Cinemas and shopping centres
 - C. Shopping centres and theatres
4. What could people see on the streets?
 - A. Lots of cars
 - B. Horses and carriages
 - C. Lots of buses
5. What were the streets like?
 - A. Quiet and empty
 - B. Noisy and full of people
 - C. Quiet and clean

B. True or False

Instructions: Read each sentence carefully. Choose True if the sentence is correct based on the text “A City from the Past.” Choose False if it is not correct.

💡 **Tip:** You can look back at the text before choosing your answer.

6. There were shopping centres in New York City in 1900.

7. There weren't any cinemas.

8. There were lots of horses and carriages.

9. There were many cars.

10. The streets were full of people.

C. Answer the questions. Choose the correct answer from the options given.

11. Were there any theatres in New York City?

12. Were there many cars?

13. Name two kinds of transport mentioned in the text.

14. Were the streets quiet? _____ **and** _____

15. How were the streets similar to New York City today?

PART B

Grammar Rules: WERE / WEREN'T

We use **were** and **weren't** to talk about **more than one person, animal or thing in the past.**

Subject	Positive ✓	Negative ✗
We	were	weren't
You	were	weren't
They	were	weren't
Plural nouns	were	weren't

WERE = something was true or existed in the past.

✓ There **were** shops.

✓ The streets **were** noisy.

WEREN'T = were not; something was not true or did not exist.

✗ There **weren't** any cinemas.

✗ The streets **weren't** quiet.

Remember!

were not = weren't

There + were + plural noun

→ There **were** theatres.

There + weren't + any + plural noun

→ There **weren't any** shopping centres.

Practice D

ENGLISH YEAR 3 - GRAMMAR PRACTICE

New York City in the Year 1900

Name: _____	Class: _____	Date: _____
Use: WERE / WEREN'T		

Instruction: Look at the information about New York City in the year 1900. Complete each sentence with **were** or **weren't**.

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| 1. There _____ | any shopping centres. |
| 2. There _____ | shops. |
| 3. There _____ | any cinemas. |
| 4. There _____ | any buses. |
| 5. There _____ | many carriages. |
| 6. There _____ | theatres. |

Grammar Reminder

Positive	Negative
There were shops.	There weren't any cinemas.

Self-check: Read each sentence again. Does it match New York City in 1900?