










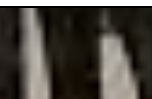


Key Vocabulary		
Past		An act of passing through air or space by flying
Present		Being or happening now.
Future		A time that is to come.
Victorian times		A time in Britain's history during the reign of Queen Victoria, from June 1837 until 22 January 1901.
Slate		A tablet of grey material for writing on.
Cottage		A small family home.
Terrace house		A row of houses.
Spinning top		A toy with a rounded top and vertical handle.
Rocking horse		A model of a horse mounted on rockers or springs for a child to sit on and rock to and fro
Omnibus		A large, enclosed, and sprung horse-drawn vehicle used for passenger transport
Steam boat		A boat that is propelled by a steam engine
Penny farthing		A direct driven bike where the wheels are attached directly to the hub. One wheel is much larger than the other.

## What were schools like during Victorian times?

Victorian schools were very different to schools today. They involved listening to the teacher and copying from the board. There was very little partner or group work.

The main lessons were:

- The 'three Rs' - reading, writing and arithmetic (maths).



- Some lessons were called 'object lessons'. Items (such as models, seeds, rocks and pictures) were placed on each pupil's desk. The pupils were meant to make observations about the object in front of them. Science was normally taught this way.
- PE lessons were called 'drill' and usually took place in the playground. This involved exercises such as jogging on the spot.
- In the afternoon boys and girls were taught separately. Boys were taught skills such as wood working and farming whilst girls were taught cooking and housework.

## Children's toys in the past

The different toys children played with in the 1800s included:



a rocking horse,



a spinning top,



cup and ball,



teddy bears,



dominoes,



dolls.



marbles

### What was children's entertainment like in the past?

During the 1800s, children's entertainment was very different to today. It included:

- Hop Scotch
- Taumatrope
- Spinning top
- Jump rope
- Marbles
- Tea set
- Sing/ listen to music
- Sing nursery rhymes



### What were Victorian homes like?

The interior (inside) of Victorian homes were very different to homes today. As there was no electricity, everything had to be done by hand.

#### Kitchen

This contained objects for washing clothes such as:

a mangle,



a washboard,  
a bucket

#### Bathing

Bathing took place in the warmest place in the house which was the kitchen. Water could be heated on the stove and then poured into a basic bath tub. Everyone would generally use the same bath water and then laundry would be done in this afterwards.



### Transport in the 1800s (Victorian times)

At the beginning of Queen Victoria's reign, most people travelled by road, either on horseback or horse-drawn vehicles or on foot. There were no cars or aeroplanes, instead, stagecoaches were used to travel between major towns.



Wealthy people could afford to buy their own horse-drawn carriage, but in towns people travelled by horse-drawn buses.



In the country travelled in open vehicles, such as wagons and drays.



The very first petrol driven "horseless carriage" appeared in 1865 however, these first cars were rarely seen until the 1880s and 1890s.

