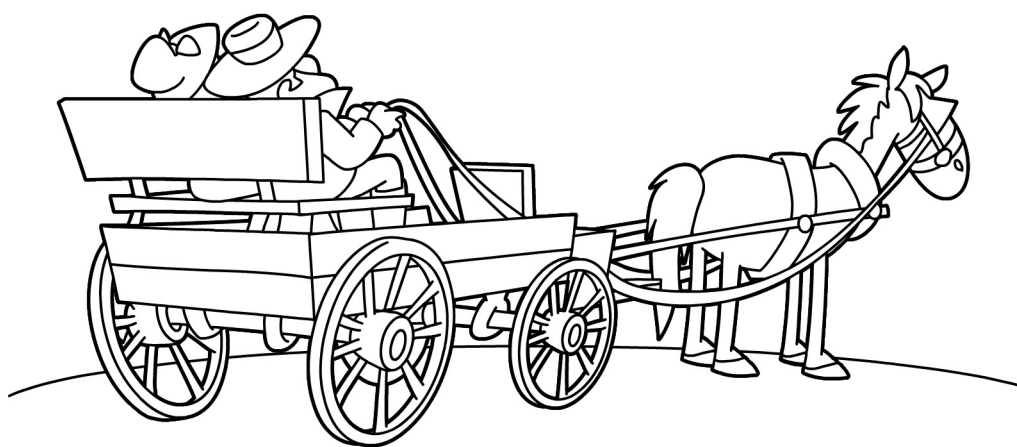


Then and now

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Listen to your educator read about how people lived long ago

People lived differently long ago. Long ago people rode on horses or walked to places. They also used wagons. Now people ride in cars to work, go on a plane, and take the train or the subway when they travel.



Long ago people communicated by writing letters. They didn't have computers or cell phones. Now we send emails through our computers. We call people or send text messages on our cell phones.

How did people who lived long ago see at night? They used to light candles to see at night. Now we have electricity. We can turn on the lights with the flick of a switch.

Long ago people cooked their food over a fire. Now we cook on a stove or in a microwave. Long ago people had to hunt for food. They had to make their own bread. Now we can simply buy food in the shops. We can even get fast food from drive through restaurants in less than 10 minutes!

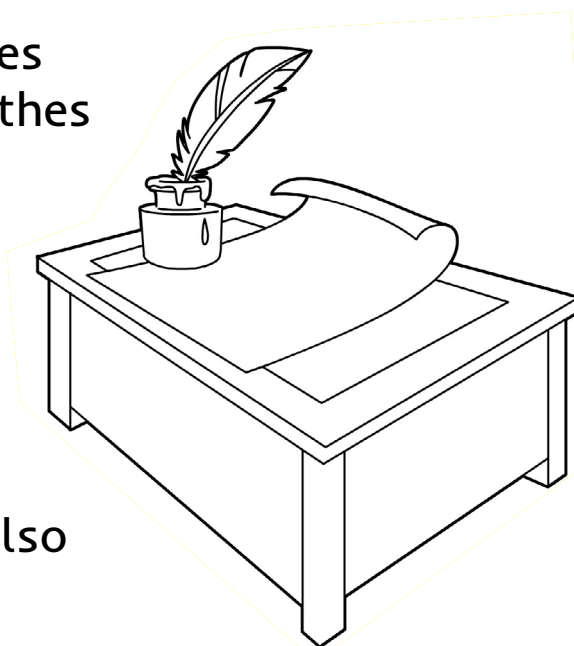
Long ago there were no video games or computer games. There were no televisions and people listened to the radio for entertainment. People played board games or home-made games. Children played games like Jack Straws. They put a pile of thin sticks on the floor. They would try pick up a stick without moving the other sticks. They would also play outdoor games like Bear in the pit. They would stand in a circle and one child would stand in the middle of the circle and pretend to be the bear. The child who was the bear would try get out of the circle while the children making the circle would try to keep them in. Another game was called rolling the hoops. The children would run beside a hoop while rolling it with a stick.

What did children play with long ago? There were no fancy toys or dolls. Children would make their own dolls out of whatever material they could find.

Long ago people brought water to their homes in buckets. They would also have to heat the water over a fire. They would have to share the water with all the members of the family. Now we turn on the tap and we have hot, running water.

How did people wash their clothes long ago? They washed their clothes by hand. Now we use a washing machine to wash our clothes for us. We can also use a dryer to dry our clothes for us.

Long ago people used quill pens dipped into ink pots to write. Now we have pens and we can also type our writing on a computer.



Long ago people used outhouses. An outhouse was a toilet outside of the house. Now people have bathrooms with modern toilets inside their home.

Long ago people wore clothing made from animal skins or from woollen and linen cloth. The women in the family would make and sew the clothes by hand. People only had a few outfits. Now we can go to the mall and buy clothes at the store. There are many clothing styles and choices.

Life long ago was different than it is now. Can you think of more ways about how life was different long ago and how life is now?

Answer the questions:

1. How did people travel long ago?

2. How did people get water and heat water long ago?

3. How did people communicate with people far away long ago?

4. How did people cook long ago?

5. How did people wash their clothes long ago?

6. How did people write long ago?

7. How did people make clothes long ago?

8. Would you prefer to live long ago or now? Why?
