

Life in Victorian Times with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify key features of life in Victorian Britain.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you complete your answers. Ellie the Elephant has left some clues to help you think about history!

Ellie the Elephant loves learning about the past. The Victorian era was the time when Queen Victoria ruled Britain. It was a time of big changes, many new machines, and busy cities.

Word bank: Victorian · Queen Victoria · Workhouse · Chimney sweep · Industry · School

1. Who was the ruler of Britain during the Victorian era? (1 mark)

2. Many children had to work in dirty and dangerous jobs. Can you name one job a Victorian child might have had? (1 mark)

3. What was the name of the place where very poor people had to live and work if they had no money? (1 mark)

4. Look at the list below. Circle the two things that were very common in Victorian times:

1. Computers
2. Steam trains
3. Mobile phones
4. Factories (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Victorian street. You could include a steam train, a tall factory chimney, or a child wearing a flat cap.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a child in the Victorian era. Write one sentence about what you might see on your way to school.