

LO: To rehearse my writing by reading similar writing.

## Speech

### **I would rather live in modern times than in Victorian times!**

I would rather live in modern times than Victorian times because I think there is much more choice for children now. Now we have better toys and clothes. Importantly, we also have toilets inside our homes!

Victorian children's toys were usually made from wood, metal or paper but now we can also make children's toys from plastic. Victorian toys were quite simple however, we now have colourful, exciting and even electronic toys. In Victorian times some children's toys may have had sharp, rough edges and been dangerous. In contrast, in modern times, toy makers must make sure that they are safe.

Clothes from Victorian times differ very much from clothes in modern times. In Victorian times, children's clothes were designed to make them look like little adults whereas now children have lots of different clothes designs to choose from. In modern times people can choose whether they want to wear dresses or trousers but in Victorian times, girls always wore dresses. In Victorian times all people wore hats. In contrast, people can now choose if they want to wear a hat. In modern times, we wash clothes easily in washing machines while in Victorian times they had to be washed by hand using soap and water.

Homes in Victorian times were heated with fires but in modern times we can heat our homes with central heating. In modern times we can boil water using a kettle. Alternatively, in Victorian times water had to be boiled over a fire. Now we use electricity to light our homes but for most of Victorian times, houses were lit by candles. In modern times, we are lucky enough to have bathrooms inside our homes yet in Victorian times many homes had toilets outside!

For all of these reasons, especially the indoor toilets, I think it is much better to live in modern times than in Victorian times!