

Worksheet 4

Reading comprehension practice

1. Read and complete the table:

What was there in London 400 years ago and what wasn't there:

400 years ago, London was very different! The city was smaller than today. The River Thames was very busy, with a lot of boats. There weren't any cars or car parks, but there were a lot of horses! There weren't any trains or train stations. The roads weren't very safe. There were some theatres, but there weren't any cinemas. London Bridge was the only bridge across the River Thames. There were a lot of houses and shops on the bridge.

There was/were ...	There wasn't/weren't ...
<i>a lot of boats on the River Thames</i>	

2. Read the text. Complete with YES or NO and CORRECT the sentences if they are incorrect.

London then and now

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2. In 1666 there was a huge fire: the Great Fire of London. After the fire, there were very few buildings left.

3. Today, the city is much bigger and it's very busy! If you go to Trafalgar Square, there are buses and cars all around the square! You can catch a train from big train stations, like Victoria Station. There are a lot of shopping centres, theatres and cinemas.

4. There are a lot of bridges over the river now. London's most famous bridge is Tower Bridge.

1 There were trains in London 400 years ago. No

 There weren't any trains in London 400 years ago.

2 Tower Bridge was the only bridge across the River Thames.

3 Before the Great Fire, there weren't many buildings in London.

4 Before, the River Thames was busy with lots of boats.

5 There were more bridges in London 400 years ago.