Victorian Era inventions and changes

- Before the 19th century it used to take people 12 hours to travel between Birmingham and London if they were riding in a horse-drawn coach. Steam trains meant they could make the journey in under .......... hours! (guess the number)

- The police force was set up during the Victorian era by a man called .................. Peele (which is why we sometimes call the police “bobbies”!). (Bobby is the nickname of this first name)

- So many things were invented during the Victorian era – can you pick out which one was not invented at that time?
  - Telephone
  - Telegraph
  - Phonograph
  - Typewriter
  - Motor cars
  - Bicycles
  - Toilets
  - Electric light bulb
  - Steam and electric trains
  - Rubber pneumatic tyres
  - Sewing machines
  - Postage stamps
  - Radio
  - Chocolate Easter eggs
  - The sandwich
  - Christmas cards

- In 1851 the Great Exhibition was a huge collection of all kinds of inventions and art from Britain as well as places like America and Russia. The money that was made from people paying to see the Great Exhibition was used later to build museums in London, like the Science Museum.

  True or false : 1) The Great exhibition took place in Hyde Park.
  2) The building was later moved to another area of London.

- We use electricity all the time, but it was a brand new thing to the Victorians. A lot of world firsts happened in the UK:
  - the first electric street lights were in London
  - the first building lit with electric lights was a theatre in London
  - the first village to have its own access to electricity was Godalming in Surrey.

At the beginning of the Victorian era in 1937, more people lived in the country than in cities. By the end of the Victorian era in 1901, half of the British population lived in cities.

Can you guess the consequences of these movements to cities ?

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