

### 1.7.21 Comprehension

Find these words in the passage below and draw a circle round them in a coloured pencil:

Georgian	inventions	machinery	engines
canals	pulled	cities	journeys
school	smallpox	vaccine	diseases

In the Georgian times, there were many new inventions. Steam engines were invented and they were used to power the machines in factories. This meant that cloth and other things could be made more quickly. This made lots of money for the factory owners, but it was not very nice for the people who worked there. Children often worked in factories because they were small enough to crawl under machinery, but it was very dangerous if they got caught in the moving part of machines.

Canals were also built, so that all the things made in the factories could be moved to other places to be sold. The canal boats were pulled by horses. Stage coaches were pulled by horses too. Stage coaches were used to take people on long journeys. Because there were so many horses, towns and cities were very smelly places.

Life for children was not as good as it is today. Only boys could go to school and only if their families had enough money. As well as working in factories, some children worked in the dark in mines.

There were many diseases that were dangerous because they could not be treated and lots of children died before they were 5 years old.

One dangerous disease was called smallpox but a man called Edward Jenner made a vaccine from cowpox to stop people catching smallpox. He tested his idea on an 8 year old boy but fortunately the boy did not become ill.

\*Challenge: Now can you answer these questions? If you managed to find all the words, they will help you find the answers.

There were many \_\_\_\_\_ in Georgian times.

What were steam engines used for?

What did children do with machinery in factories?

What pulled canal boats?

How did people make long journeys?

What were the cities like?

Who went to school?

Which disease did Edward Jenner make a vaccine for?