

Fire Safety

The people of London in 1666, did not know a lot about fire safety.

That is why 80% of London was destroyed.



We are very lucky to now have an excellent fire service who keep us safe!

Today we are going to compare Firefighters during the Great Fire of London and now!



Firefighters

Then and Now



History

Today, we are lucky to have a fire service as part of our emergency services.

If there is a fire, we can call 999 and the fire service will come to put it out. Sometimes, they help rescue animals or people stuck in cars.



We are very lucky to have our fire service but we didn't always have these everyday heroes. A long time ago, there were no firefighters.

The Great Fire of London

There was no fire service so lots of people tried to put the fire out.

They only had leather buckets, which they filled with water, and axes.



The fire burnt for days. When the fire went out, many houses and shops in London were destroyed.

The Earliest Fire Service

One year after the Great Fire of London, the first fire service was set up. They would go to a fire and put it out if people needed them. This fire service didn't put every fire out, though. Instead, they only went to the homes of people who had paid them money to look after (insure) their house. The fire brigades put a 'fire mark' on each house that had paid to be looked after (insured).



The Earliest Fire Service

In 1833, ten fire brigades in London joined together to make one fire service which later became the London Fire Brigade.

Eventually, the government passed a law that meant every county in the UK had their own fire brigade.



Uniforms and Equipment then...

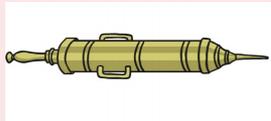
1666 - The Great Fire of London

Uniform

- no uniform
- no fire service

Equipment

- leather bucket,
- squirts and axes



Firefighters Today

Today, firefighting is very different to when it started.

Uniform

Today's uniform is a golden colour. It is made from a special, protective material. This means that firefighters are protected against fire and any spillages.

Firefighters wear helmets which have a built-in torch.

Radios are worn so firefighters can speak to each other.



Equipment Today

Equipment used today...

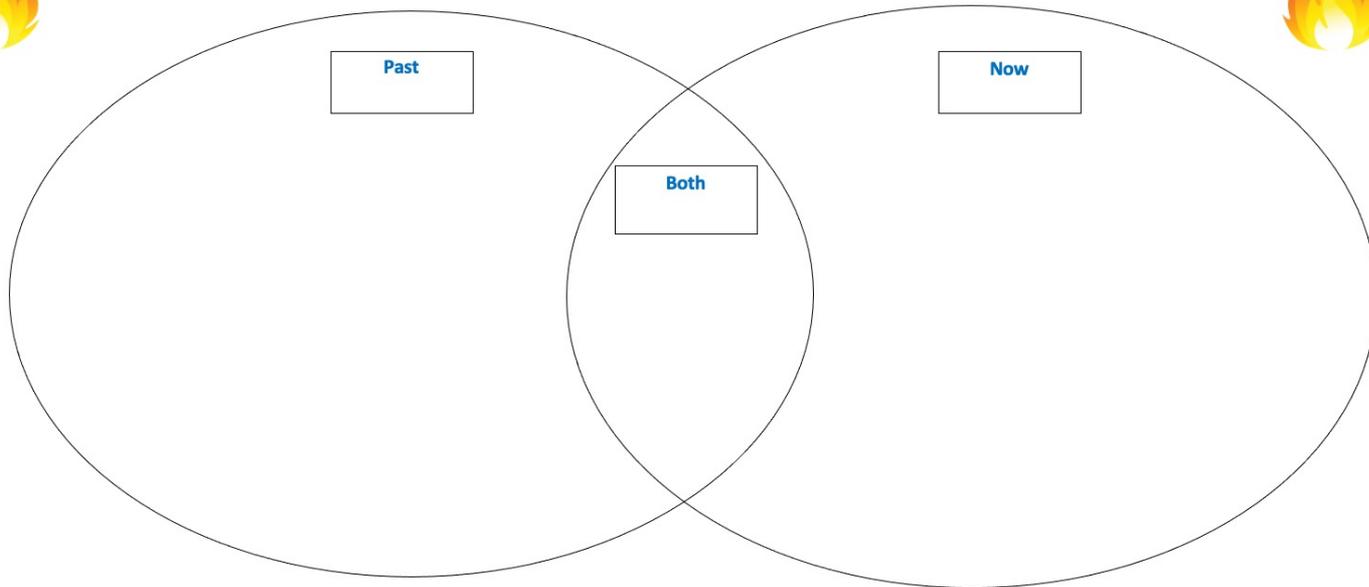


Your task....

Can you sort the fire equipment into then, now and things we sound see then and now! Don't forget to add drawings!



Can you add any of your own ideas?



Leather helmet	Axe	Water	
Water squirt	Ladder	Fire extinguishers	Helmet
Horse and cart	Fire Engine	Fire <u>hose</u>	Protective suit

Draw pictures next to each of these!



Fireman's helmet



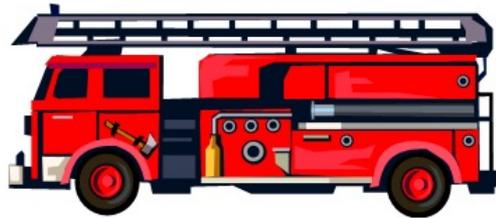
Fire hook



Leather bucket



Fireman's helmet



Fire engine



Fire extinguisher

Sample Venn Diagram

