Fortnightly Quiz 1 (Oliver Twist): re-teach

If you got question 3 incorrect, re-read this passage and attempt the question again

City of Gold and Mud

Your quality of life during the Victorian era depended on if were rich or poor. Overcrowding in the poorer parts of the city quickly led to poverty and disease. Many poor families lived in slums and life was a constant struggle. Parents tried desperately hard to find work to feed their families. Many children had to work, while others were too sick and hungry to play.

Life was different for rich families. They lived in large houses, with a special room for children called the nursery. This was often at the top of the house. In the nursery, younger children ate, played and slept. They were looked after by a woman called a nanny. Some rich children saw their parents only in the morning and evening, and were looked after mostly by their nanny and by other servants. Most Victorians thought children should be 'seen and not heard'.

Poor people were more likely to get diseases and die young than rich people. But even rich people were at risk of diseases and of dying young, because there were no cures for lots of these diseases.

Which statements about Victorian London are correct? (2)

a) Victorian London was busy and crowded.
b) Rich people never died of disease.
c) Queen Elizabeth I was the Queen of England during the Victorian era.
d) Rich people had servants to do a lot of work for them.

If you got question 6 incorrect, look at the following information about life in Victorian England and attempt the question again

- Poor people in Victorian times would often live with whole families in just one room.
- 1 in every 200 births ended with the mother's death. This meant that there were a significant number of children with no parents (orphans) in Victorian England.
- At least 60% of workhouse babies died before the age of two.
- If you had enough money, then you could enjoy theatre, opera and read magazines like the one in which Charles Dickens published 'Oliver Twist.'

A friend tells you that the Victorian era was a brilliant time to be alive. Which of the following would be a good answer?

a) It wasn't so brilliant for poor people.
b) That's correct because the Victorian era was brilliant for everyone.
c) Very wealthy people could have a brilliant time.
d) That's incorrect because the Victorian era was a very boring time.

If you got both answers correct, write an answer to this question:

What made life so difficult for poor people in Victorian England?