

Before you read

1. Look at the cover picture and read the back cover text on your book. What do you think is happening in the cover picture?
2. If you could travel in time, would you go back into the past or into the future? Say why.
3. How do you think life in the seventeenth century was different from life today? What do you know about this time?

Some topics to think about:

homes

family

health

transport

work

reading and writing

technology

religion

Which time do you think is better or worse?

Talk about this in groups and make a list together.

Here are some phrases to help you:

Now we can't ... • They had to ... • Today we needn't ... • In many ways life was / is ... • We've got ... • People then didn't have ... • They couldn't ... • The world is ... • People believed ...