

WHAT IS THIS THING?

INTRODUCTION

Suppose a child of the 1800s suddenly appeared in your kitchen. How puzzled he or she might be! A toaster, a gas or electric stove, a refrigerator, a blender, and a waffle iron would all be very strange objects. A peek in another room of your house would have your visitor staring in amazement at the television and the telephone.

Just as the visitor from the 1800s would be puzzled by many of the things we use every day at home and at work, we, too, might have trouble identifying the everyday things used at home and at work by children and their parents.

Use this book as a fun guessing game. Look carefully at each object. Ask yourself:

How is it made?

What possible uses would it have?

Who uses this thing the most?

When you have made a guess as to what each object is, turn the page to see the everyday things that people of the 1800s did not find at all unusual,

HAVE FUN ON YOUR TRIP BACK IN TIME!