

Exploring Our Local Area with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify and describe features of the local area and understand how places change over time.

Help Ellie the Elephant learn about her neighbourhood! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. False, 4. B, 5. True, 6. Map, 7. B, 8. True, 9. Old, 10. A. Ellie remembers that history is the study of things that happened in the past, and looking at old photographs helps us see how our streets have changed.

Word bank: Past · Present · Map · Landmarks · Social Studies / History · Change

1. 1. What do we call things that happened a long time ago? A) The past* B) The future C) Tomorrow (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A photograph from 50 years ago is a type of historical source. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Every building in our town has looked exactly the same for 100 years. (1 mark)

4. 4. What do we use to find our way around a local area? A) A spoon B) A map* C) A book (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A statue in the town square is a type of local landmark. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: If you want to see where a park is located, you look at a _____. (1 mark)

7. 7. Which of these might you see in a very old part of a town? A) A brand new space station B) An old church or stone bridge* C) A robot factory (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: We can learn about our local history by talking to older people in our community. (1 mark)

9. 9. If a shop has been on the high street for 80 years, is it considered new or old? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which is a way to see how your school has changed? A) Looking at old photos* B) Closing your eyes C) Counting your pencils (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of your favourite building in your local area. Add a special detail like a tree, a sign, or a person walking nearby.



Extension challenge: Interview a grandparent or an older neighbour. Ask them: 'What was your favourite place to play when you were my age?' Write down one sentence about what they tell you.