

My Local Area: A Social Studies / History Detective

Learning objective: To describe how my local area has changed over time using simple historical vocabulary.

Use the prompts below to help you write about your local area. Ellie the elephant has a great memory for history, so use her tips to think about what things were like in the past compared to now.

My local area has changed a lot since my grandparents were children.

Word bank: in the past · a long time ago · now · today · used to be · because · also · changed · buildings · transport

1. What does your local area look like today? Start your sentence with: Today, my local area has... (2 marks)

2. What was a building or a shop like in the past? Start your sentence with: A long time ago, there used to be... (2 marks)

3. How do people travel around your area now? Start your sentence with: People travel around now by... (2 marks)

4. What is one thing that has stayed the same? Start your sentence with: One thing that is still here is... (2 marks)

5. Why do you think the area changed? Start your sentence with: I think the area changed because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Ask a grown-up at home to tell you one thing they remember about the street where you live. Write down two sentences about what they told you.