

Exploring Our Local Social Studies / History with Ellie

Learning objective: To identify how our local area has changed over time using historical sources.

Hi! I am Ellie the elephant. I have a great memory for stories. Look at the questions below to see how your town has changed. Use the words in the box to help you answer.

Word bank: photograph · map · past · change · old · building

1. 1. Look at an old photo of your local high street. Is the shop in the photo new or _____? (1 mark)

2. 2. A _____ shows us where streets and houses were a long time ago. (1 mark)

3. 3. Circle the source that helps us see what people wore in the _____: (a) A modern video game (b) An old _____. (1 mark)

4. 4. If a house was built in 1920 and a new one was built in 2024, what is one way the street has had a _____? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a building in your town. Draw how it looks today on one side, and how you think it looked 100 years ago on the other side.



Extension challenge: Ask an adult at home to tell you one thing they remember about your town from when they were your age. Write one sentence about what they told you.