



YEAR 1 SHOPS THEN AND NOW



SHOPS LONG AGO

A long time ago, people did not have many shops like we do today. There were small shops in villages where people could buy things they needed. The shopkeeper would stand behind a counter, and you could ask them for food, clothes, or toys. Most people went to the shop with money in their pocket and bought what was on the shelf.

BIG SHOPS TODAY

Now, we have big shops and supermarkets. These shops are much larger than the ones from long ago. In these shops, there are many aisles with lots of food, clothes, and toys. You can find nearly everything in one big shop! People do not always need to talk to a shopkeeper because the items are all on shelves for you to choose.

SHOPS WITH LOTS OF CHOICE

In the past, there were fewer things to choose from in shops. If you wanted bread, you could only get one kind. Today, there are many different kinds of bread, and you can also buy many other food items from around the world. Shops have many choices so you can pick the one you like best!

SHOPPING ONLINE

Now, some people do not even need to go to a shop at all. They can shop online! You can look at all the things you want on a computer or phone, and then order them to be sent to your home. You do not need to leave your house, and the shop will bring the things you need to your door.

THE SHOPKEEPER THEN AND NOW

Long ago, the shopkeeper knew everyone who came into their shop. They would greet people by name and chat with them. Today, there are so many people shopping in large shops, so it is hard to know everyone. Sometimes, the shopkeeper is a worker who helps people find what they need.

SHOPPING WITH FAMILY

In the past, families would go to the shop together. They would walk or ride a horse to the shop. Today, families can go in a car or even on a bus to do their shopping. Shopping can be quick and easy!



SHOPS HAVE CHANGED BUT THEY ARE STILL IMPORTANT

Even though shops have changed a lot, they are still very important. People need shops to buy food, clothes, and many other things. Whether it is a small shop or a big supermarket, shops help us get what we need every day.

FIND OUT MORE...

[KS1 History. Changes within living memory: Shops - BBC Teach](#)

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What did people do in shops a long time ago?
2. What is different about the shops we have today?
3. What kind of bread did people have to choose from in the past?
4. How can people shop today without going to a shop?
5. What is the same about shops long ago and shops today?