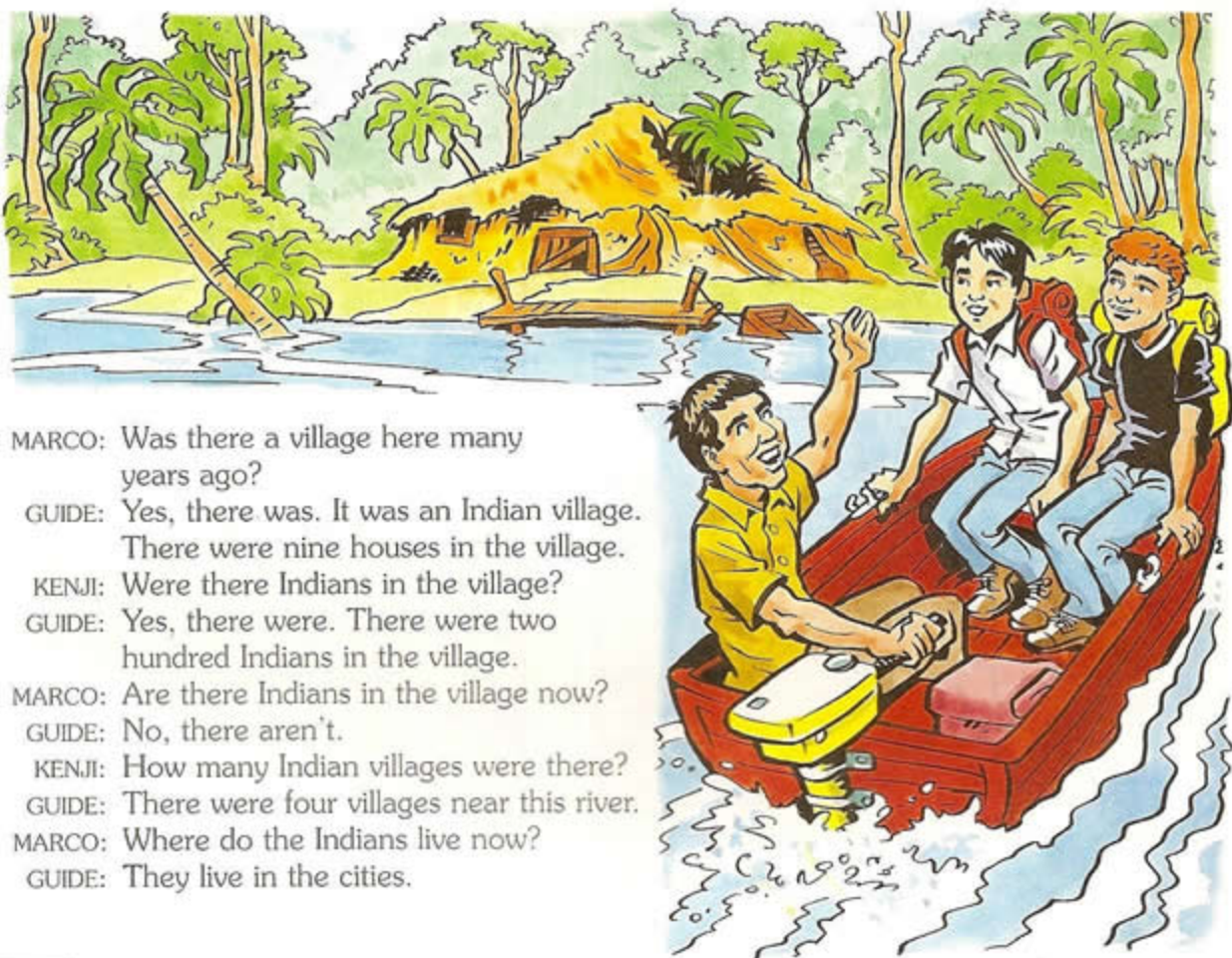


Was there a village here?

1. Listen and practice.



MARCO: Was there a village here many years ago?

GUIDE: Yes, there was. It was an Indian village. There were nine houses in the village.

KENJI: Were there Indians in the village?

GUIDE: Yes, there were. There were two hundred Indians in the village.

MARCO: Are there Indians in the village now?

GUIDE: No, there aren't.

KENJI: How many Indian villages were there?

GUIDE: There were four villages near this river.

MARCO: Where do the Indians live now?

GUIDE: They live in the cities.



SPEAKING

2. Practice like this.

many years ago



Were there trees near your house ten years ago?

Yes, there were.

No, there weren't.



1. trees
2. store

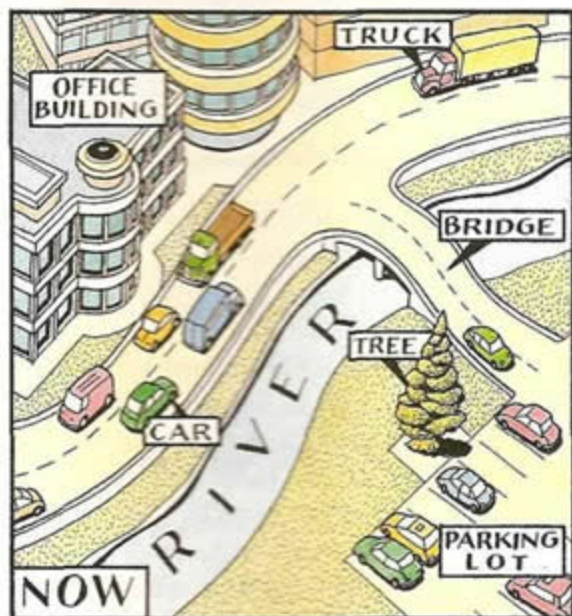
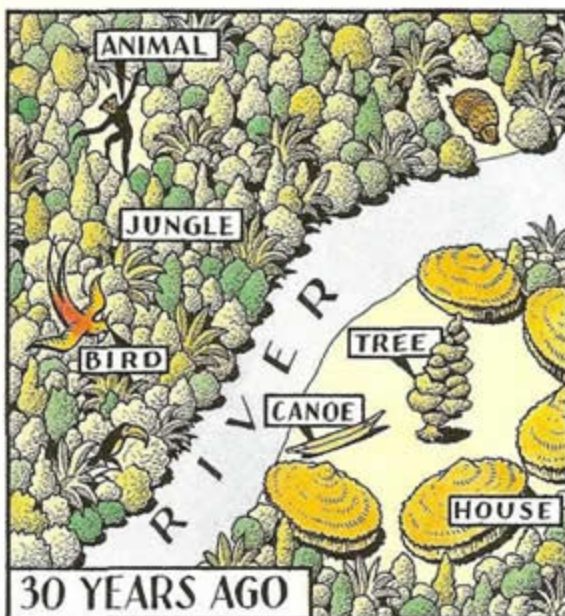
3. post office
4. houses

3. Look at the pictures and practice the dialogs.

Examples:

1. A: Were there birds thirty years ago?
B: Yes, there were.
2. A: Was there a bridge thirty years ago?
B: No, there wasn't.

Yes, there was.	_____
Yes, there were.	_____
No, there wasn't.	_____
No, there weren't.	_____



WRITING

4. Look at the picture above on the left and write what *there was*.

1. canoe/near the river

There was a canoe near the river.

2. birds/in the trees

3. tree/in the middle of the village

4. animals/in the jungle

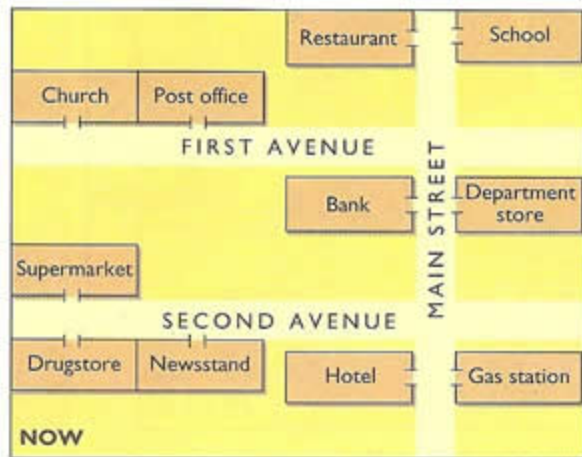
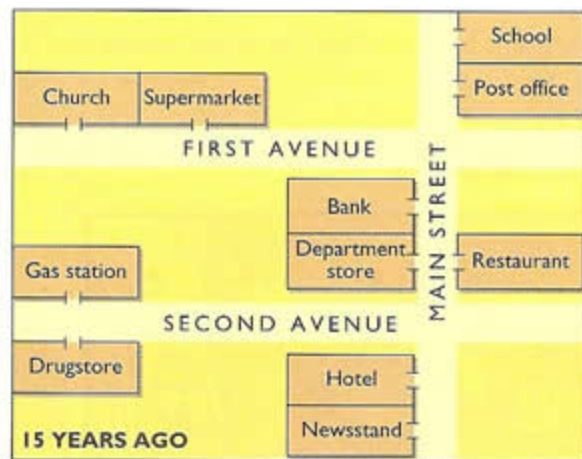
5. houses/in the village



LISTENING

7.  Look at the maps. Listen and check True or False.

	True	False
1.	✓	
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		



WRITING

8. Look at the maps above and write two sentences about each place.

1. (supermarket) *The supermarket was on First Avenue next to the church. Now it's on Second Avenue, across from the drugstore.*

2. (gas station) _____

3. (post office) _____

4. (newsstand) _____

5. (department store) _____

LEARN SOME WORDS

1. Check the meaning of these words in a dictionary, or ask your teacher.
 green fields concrete buildings streetcars butcher baker blacksmith
 car repair shop railroad young at heart

READ AND LISTEN

2. Write *was*, *were*, *is*, *'s*, or *are*.

Springfield in 1950 and Today

In 1950, my grandfather ^{1.} was 27.
 Springfield ^{2.} _____ a small town. There
^{3.} _____ only 20,000 people here. Now
 there ^{4.} _____ 500,000 people. In 1950,
 there ^{5.} _____ lots of green fields, even
 in the town. Now there ^{6.} _____ a few
 parks but lots of concrete buildings and
 parking lots. In 1950, there ^{7.} _____
 bicycles, streetcars, and a few horses in
 Springfield. Now there ^{8.} _____ bicycles,
 cars, and buses. In 1950, there ^{9.} _____
 lots of small shops. There ^{10.} _____ a
 butcher, a baker, and a blacksmith. Now
 there ^{11.} _____ supermarkets,
 department stores, and car repair shops. In
 1950, Springfield Railroad Station
^{12.} _____ a very important building.
 Now, the railroad ^{13.} _____ closed. The
 railroad station ^{14.} _____ an office
 building. In 1950, my city ^{15.} _____ a
 small and friendly place. My grandfather
^{16.} _____ a young man. Now it
^{17.} _____ big and busy and my grandfather
^{18.} _____ old, but he ^{19.} _____ still
 young at heart. He likes to talk about
 Springfield when he ^{20.} _____ young.



3. Listen and check your answers.

YOUR PROJECT

4. Talk to your grandfather, grandmother, or another old person. Ask him or her about your town in 1950.
5. Write about your town in 1950 and today.