What do old maps tell us about our town?

1 Look at the two maps of a town. What’s the same and what’s different? Complete the diagram.

100 years ago

Today

- Theatre
- Library
- Square + big market
- Ancient tower
- Park
- Train and bus station

- Butcher’s
- Baker’s
- Toy shop

- Theatre and cinema
- Library
- Square + small market
- Shopping centre and café

2 What did the town centre have a hundred years ago? Circle the correct words.

1 A hundred years ago there was a small / old / [big] market in the town centre.
2 There was a café next to the clothes shop / book shop / toy shop.
3 The train and bus station were quieter / safer / smaller than the theatre today.
4 There were more shopping centres / small shops / stations a hundred years ago than today.
5 There was an ancient tower near the park / hotel / book shop.

3 Draw a plan of a town centre where you live and label it.