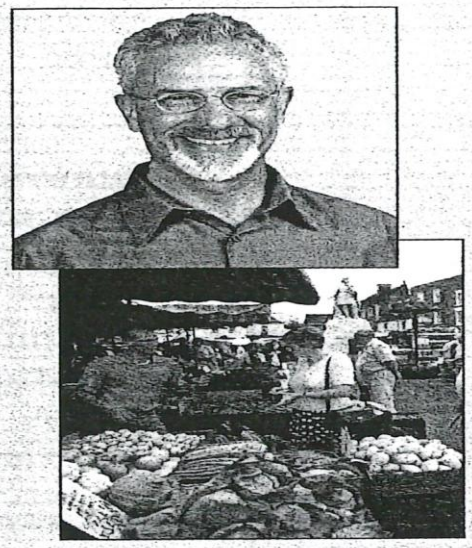
Reading Comprehension Worksheet



I live in a small town. There are a lot of different shops in the town centre. There's a hardware shop, a chemist's, a newsagent's, a butcher's and a baker's. There was a greengrocer's, too, but it closed six months ago. And we've got a flower shop and a small bookshop. The bookshop sells stationery and birthday cards, too.

We've got a small supermarket in the town centre, but there aren't any clothes shops or shoe shops. We have to go into the city centre for those things.

Every Saturday there's a market in the Square. We always buy our fruit and vegetables there.

Last year a big new supermarket opened near the town, and most people do their shopping there now. We always use the local shops and the market. They're more personal and friendlier, but they aren't as cheap as the supermarket. The supermarket is more convenient, too. Parking is easier and you can buy everything in one place.

It's more difficult for the local shops now. The butcher says he's lost a lot of customers, and the small local supermarket is going to close next month. It's a pity, because a lot of people don't come into the town centre now.

Read the text. Choose the correct answers.

1 Where does the man live?
   a in a city
   b in a village
   c in a small town
2 What happened there last year?
   a The supermarket closed.
   b A big supermarket opened.
   c The weekly market stopped.

Which of these shops has the town got? Tick ✓ them.

a clothes shop	a chemist's
a butcher's ✓	a shoe shop
a baker's	a hardware shop
a greengrocer's	a newsagent's
a bookshop	a flower shop

Answer the questions.

1 Which shop closed six months ago? ___
2 When is the market? _____
3 What does the man buy there? _____
4 Where is the new supermarket? _____
5 Does the man do his shopping there?
6 Which shop is going to close? _____

Complete the sentences. Use *not as ... as* and the words in brackets.

1 The town is smaller than the city.
The town is *not as big as* the city. (big)

2 The supermarket is cheaper than the local shops.
The supermarket is _____ the local shops. (expensive)

3 The local shops are friendlier than the supermarket.
The supermarket is _____ the local shops. (friendly)

4 Business for the butcher is harder than in the past.
Business for the butcher is _____ in the past. (easy)

5 Parking at the supermarket is more convenient than in the town centre.
Parking at the supermarket is _____ in the town centre. (difficult)

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