Use *there was / there were* to talk about shopping now and in the past.

0.4 INTRODUCTION

1 Match words 1–8 to definitions A–H.

1 baker's ___
2 butcher's ___
3 town centre ___
4 customer ___
5 shop assistant ___
6 supermarket ___
7 clothing ___
8 cash ___

A A person who buys things in a shop.
B Money that is coins or notes.
C Things you wear, e.g. tops, trousers.
D A person who sells things in a shop.
E A shop that sells bread and cakes.
F The main part of a town with shops.
G A large shop that sells food and other items.
H A shop that sells meat.

2 Match words below from both A and B to complete the sentences.

A	credit	department	online	shop	shopping
B	card	centre	shopping	store	windows

1 I love looking in _____ _____. When I see something I like, I go in the shop and buy it.
2 When you buy items with a _____ _____, you pay for them later.
3 There's a big, new _____ _____ out of town with more than 150 shops.
4 Darshna has got a job in a _____ _____. She works in the clothing section.
5 Some people think _____ _____ is great, but I prefer going shopping on the high street.

3 Choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D.



1	A payment	B customer	C queue	D receipt
2	A coin	B note	C cash	D sale
3	A centre	B assistant	C store	D window
4	A baker's	B town centre	C butcher's	D chemist's
5	A department store	B supermarket	C market	D item
6	A shop window	B hairdresser's	C town centre	D customer
7	A bookshop	B shop assistant	C note	D queue
8	A credit card	B receipt	C cash	D coin

4 Match 1–4 to A–D to make the rules.

1 We use *there was / there were* ___
2 We use *there wasn't / there weren't* ___
3 We use *there was / there wasn't* ___
4 We use *there were / there weren't* ___

A with plural nouns.
B to say that something existed in the past.
C with singular nouns.
D to say that something didn't exist in the past.

5 Complete the sentences with *was, wasn't, were* or *weren't*.

In our town in the past, …

1 there _____ a department store. ✓
2 there _____ any bookshops. ✗
3 there _____ two butcher's. ✓
4 there _____ a shopping centre. ✗
5 there _____ some big shop windows. ✓
6 there _____ many hairdresser's. ✗

6 Look at the information and write sentences with the correct form of *there was / there were*.

A hundred years ago, …

1 credit cards ✗
_____
2 some department stores ✓
_____
3 markets in the street ✓
_____
4 online shopping ✗
_____
5 a queue in popular shops ✓
_____
6 an out-of-town shopping centre ✗
_____

7 Compare your town or village now and in the past. Complete the sentences so that they are true.

1 There was _____.
2 There weren't _____.
3 There were _____.
4 There wasn't _____.

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