

20th century. Spain.

In the past there weren't any roads. People only had animals or carriages as a means of transport. Most of the houses didn't have electricity so there weren't any electronic devices. Life was very poor at that time and there wasn't much food. There were many infectious diseases and there weren't treatments or doctors available, so many people died young. Rural life was much poorer than life in the big cities. The food came only from the fields. People couldn't read or write, because the access to schools was very limited. In fact, children worked at a very young age. It was normal to see a 7 year-old child working for more than 10 hours a day.

21st century. Spain.

Today, you find roads everywhere. There are many means of transport nowadays: cars, motorbikes, buses, trains, planes or boats. People now can travel anywhere in the world. It is possible to communicate with people from different places thanks to electricity and technology. Also, people have all types of gadgets in their houses to make their daily life easier. What's more, people can work from home. Only a small minority of the population is poor; normally, people have a job and a salary. Education is free and for everyone, and hospitals and medicine's evolution is huge. People now can live longer than before. Children go to school and can't work until they are 16 years old, but they can also study at university.

Fill in the gaps.

In the 20th century, Spain was a very _____ country. People didn't have any _____. Not many people could _____ or _____ because they worked since they were children and there weren't many _____.

In the 21st century, there are many _____ and roads. Homes are full of _____ and people can _____ from home. Children go to school and people can go to _____ when they are sick.

In the 20th century, people were poor but they were healthy.

In the 21st century, people don't have electronic devices in their homes.

Long ago, most people in the 20th century worked ...

- in workshops
- in the field
- in factories

People nowadays live longer because of ...

- education
- electricity and technology
- hospitals and medicine