A. Look at the photos below.

What is the same?
What is different?

1. the old barber shop

B. Fill in the blanks with the missing words.

In the past, the barber used to trim men's _________ and shave their _________.
The barber's shop was strictly for _________ and boys only.
Nowadays, both men and _________ may visit the hairdresser's shop. People
nowadays style, colour and cut their hair in this shop.

women, men, hair, beards
In the past, women used to buy their daily kitchen needs from the ____________.
Women used to go shopping everyday. Shopping included small amounts of milk, cheese
and other groceries they would use on the same day.
Nowadays, both ____________ and ____________ go shopping for food. Although
one might still find small ________________ in local towns and villages, numerous
people nowadays shop in ____________ quantities from supermarkets. Today's
supermarkets do not only have food items for sale. They also sell
_________________, _______________, ________________, _______________
and other things.

bread, vegetables, detergents, meat, grocery, women, men, large, groceries

Since fridges and ________________ were non-existent in households in the past, people
used to buy small quantities of meat and animal products they would use on the very
same day. Meat and its products used to be hung inside ____________ for freshness.
Salt would be added to such products to prolong their freshness. Nowadays, people buy
large quantities of meat and store it in their freezer. Modern butchers nowadays sell
herbs, marinades, soups, ____________ and other products as well.

sauces, freezers, wells
In the past, people would visit the ironmonger’s shop to buy paint ____________, brooms, nails and other household needs. The modern ironmongery still sells such needs, but it is nowadays bigger selling other things such as ____________, seaside ____________ and domestic appliances we need.

umbrellas, coolers, brushes

This shop was quite popular in the ____________ days. One would find many cheap stuff selling for very ____________ prices. Some people used to buy old pieces of furniture from this shop, in order to restore it themselves.
B. Below are photos of old shops found in Malta and Gozo.

Observe each picture, discuss it with a grandma or grandpa and write an interesting sentence about it.

You may write about the building itself, the products one would find from such a shop, who would do the shopping from such a shop etc.

1. a beach kiosk
2. an old pub

3. a stationery
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4. an ironmongery

5. a old drapery