

20th and 21th century texts



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.



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