

Gwalia Stores



Entry 2/Elementary

Before your visit...

Task 1: Read this information about Gwalia Stores.

Where do you shop for food and items for your home? In the supermarket? On the Web? Until about 50 years ago, almost everyone bought everything from a shop like this.

The 'Gwalia' was built next to the railway in Ogmore Vale, and sold goods from all over the world. Tea came from China and India, sugar from the Caribbean and Africa, and coffee beans from Brazil. Local farms supplied bacon, cheese, eggs and butter. Can you imagine the wonderful **aromas**?

William Llewellyn owned the shop. He ran it with his wife Mary and lived upstairs, with his family, at first. **Gradually** he added to the shop by taking over a whole row of buildings. Gwalia Stores were very **successful** and made the Llewellyns a very **wealthy** family. In 1902 they built a **mansion** in Ogmore Vale, and owned the first car in the area.

Gwalia's success didn't last, however. **The Depression** meant that customers **got into debt** and couldn't pay their bills. It finally shut in 1973, because its customers preferred to go to the supermarkets in Bridgend.

The shop came to St Fagans in 1988 and today we can see how Gwalia stores looked in the 1920s.



Task 2: Find the words in bold in the text. Match the word to its meaning.

gradually	a very large house
aromas	the time between 1929-1932 when people didn't have much money
successful	slowly, over a long time
wealthy	doing well in your work
The Depression	nice smells that usually comes from food or drink
mansion	owed money to someone
got into debt	rich

Task 3: Read these sentences. Decide if they are true ✓ or false x.

1. Sixty years ago everyone bought things from a supermarket. _____
2. Gwalia stores was close to the railway. _____
3. Only local goods were sold in the shop. _____
4. William Llewellyn and his wife lived above the shop. _____
5. Slowly, the business grew bigger. _____
6. The Llewellyn family made a lot of money. _____
7. The business was successful during The Depression. _____
8. We can see what the shop looked like in 1988. _____

Task 3: Write the name of the item next to its meaning.

1. This item helped your knives to cut things more easily. _____
2. The shop assistant used these to weigh potatoes. _____
3. This was used to remove water from clothes. _____
4. People used these to warm their beds at night. _____
5. You could get clean in one of these. _____
6. You used this to turn beans into powder to make a hot drink. _____

Task 4: Can you find these items in the shop? Write the name next to the picture.

toothpaste cigarettes tins of fruit



1.

2.

3.

Task 5: Can you find five more items? Take a picture and write the names of the items here.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

After your visit...



Gwalia Stores in St Fagans shows some of the things people bought in the 1920s.

Task 1: Which of these items could you buy? Write ✓ or x.

razor blades biscuits cough medicine cheese tins of fruit sun cream
microwaves coffee potatoes cigarettes mobile phones meat pasta

Task 2: Which words are countable nouns and which are uncountable?

Countable	Uncountable

Can you add any more items to the list?

