

Y6 Spanish Home Learning Spanish - Week 2 Summer 1 (27.04.20)

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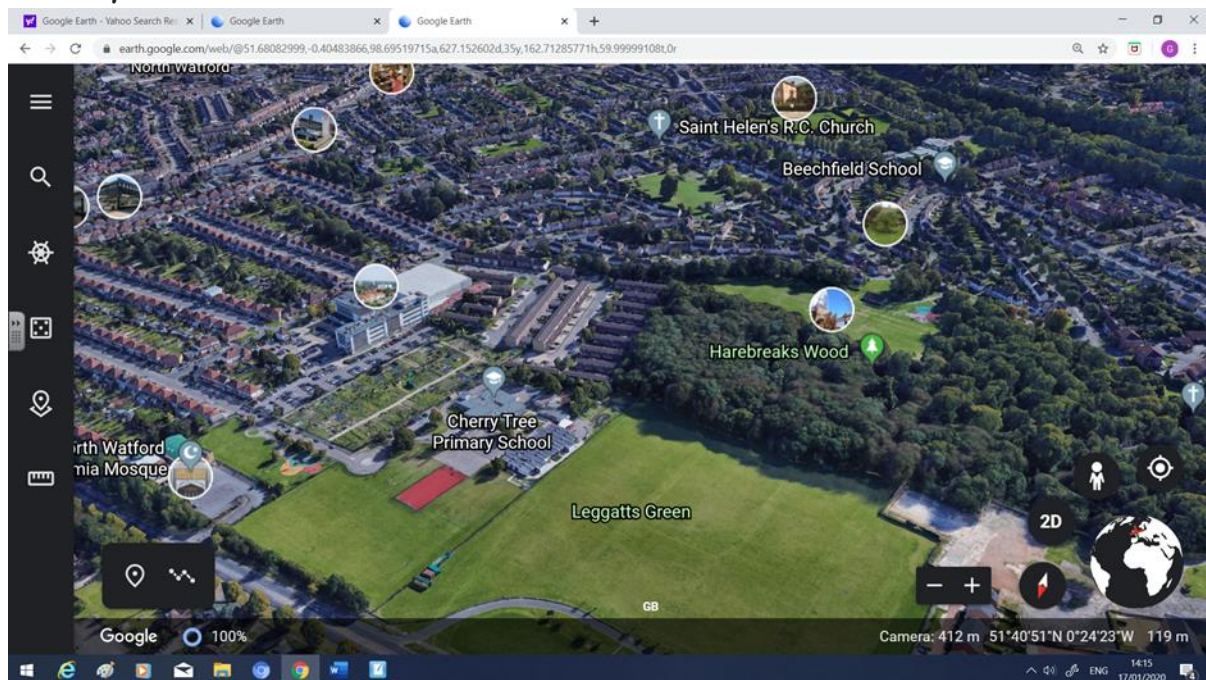
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Notes from previous lessons included below

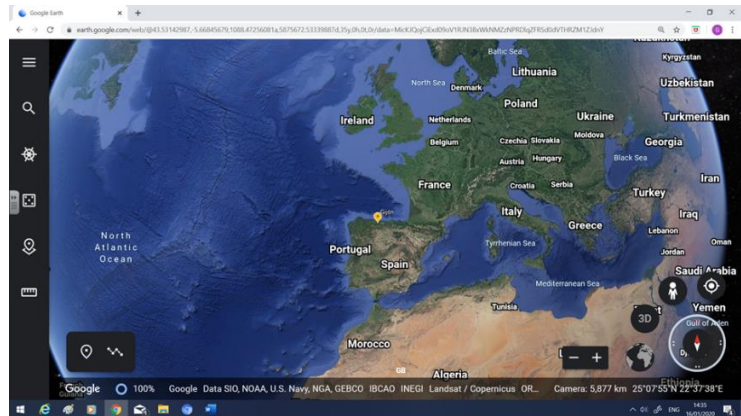
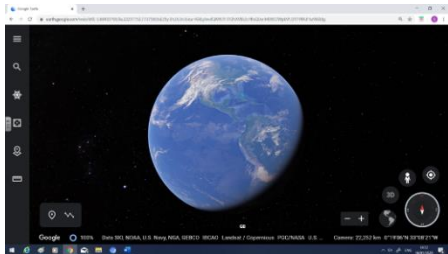
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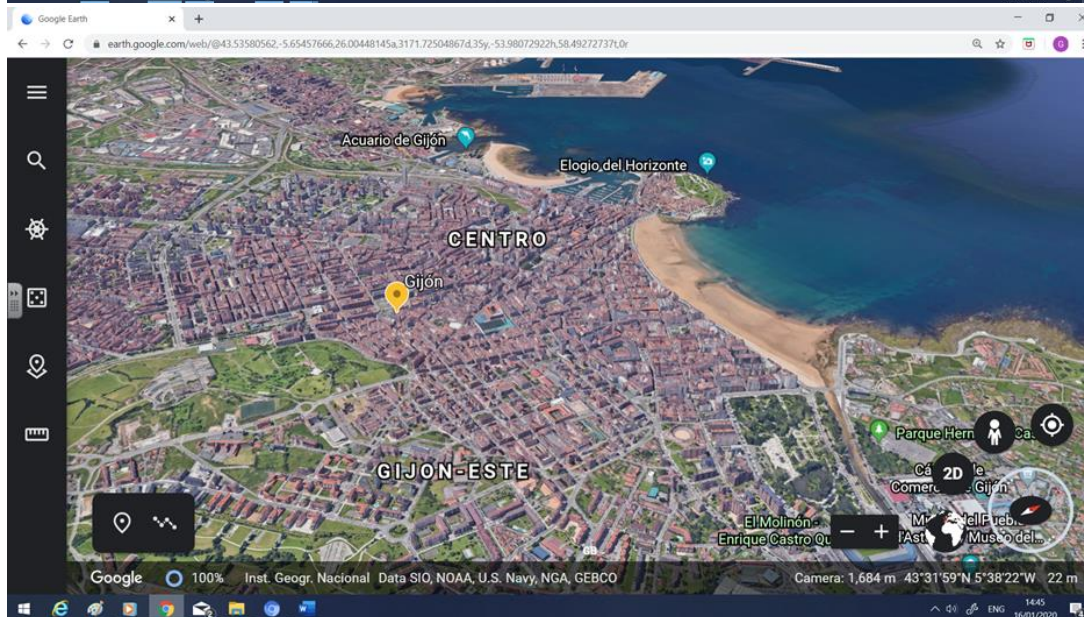
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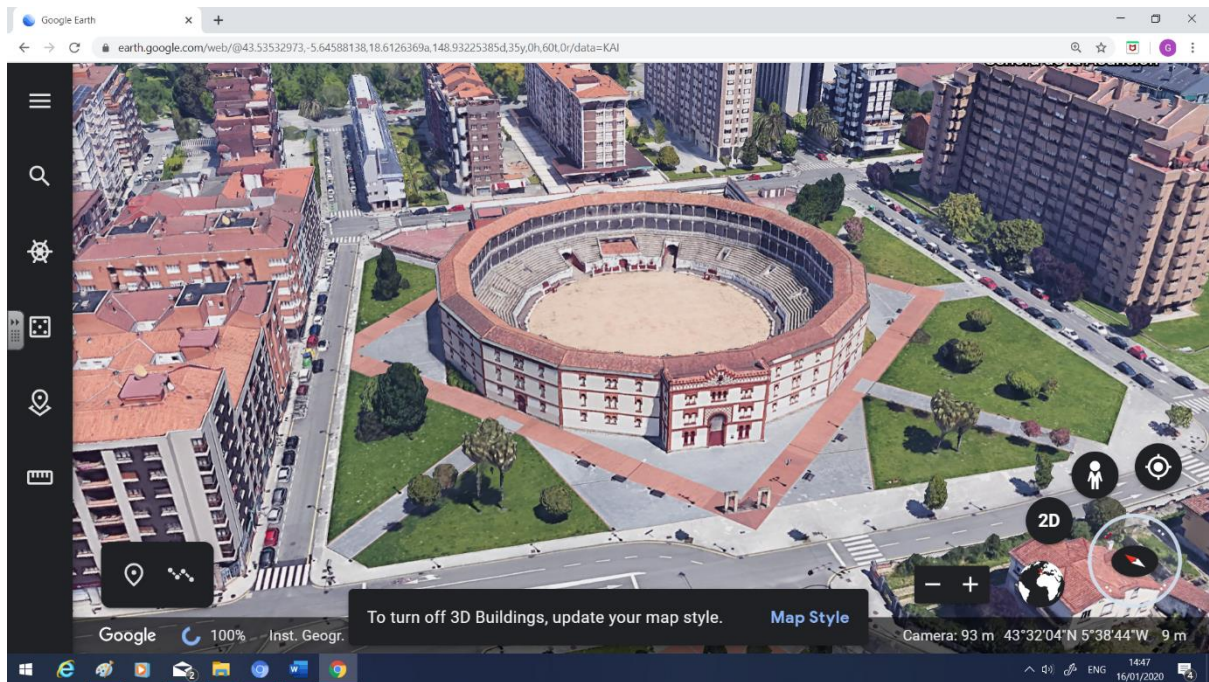
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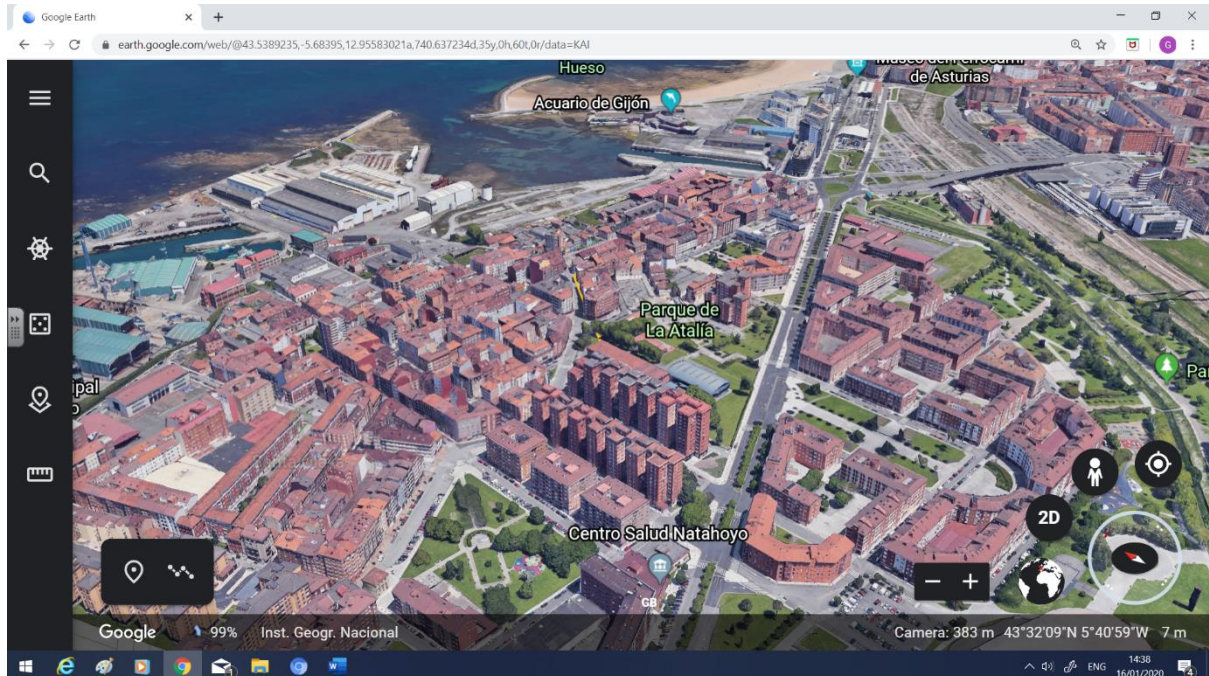
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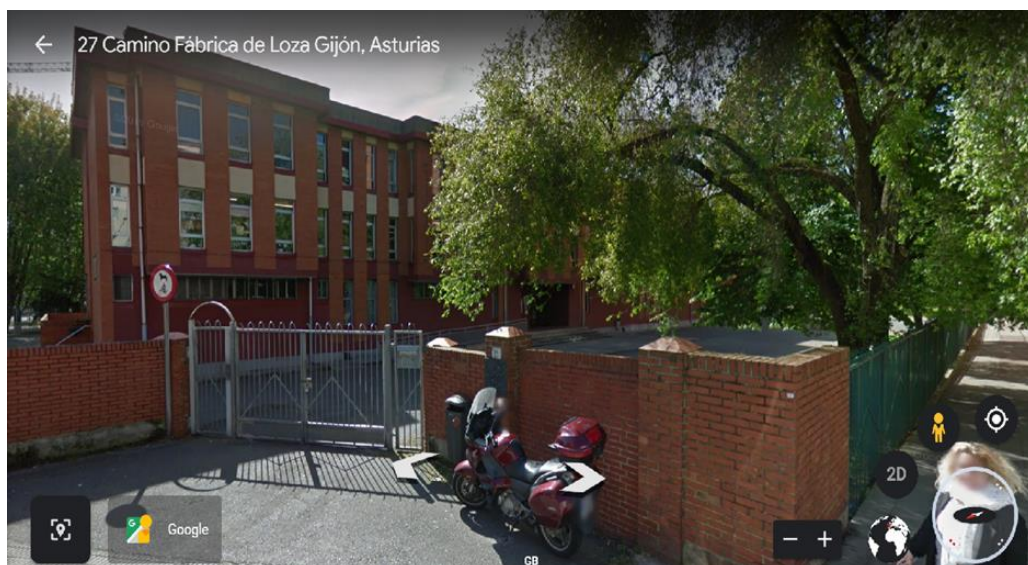
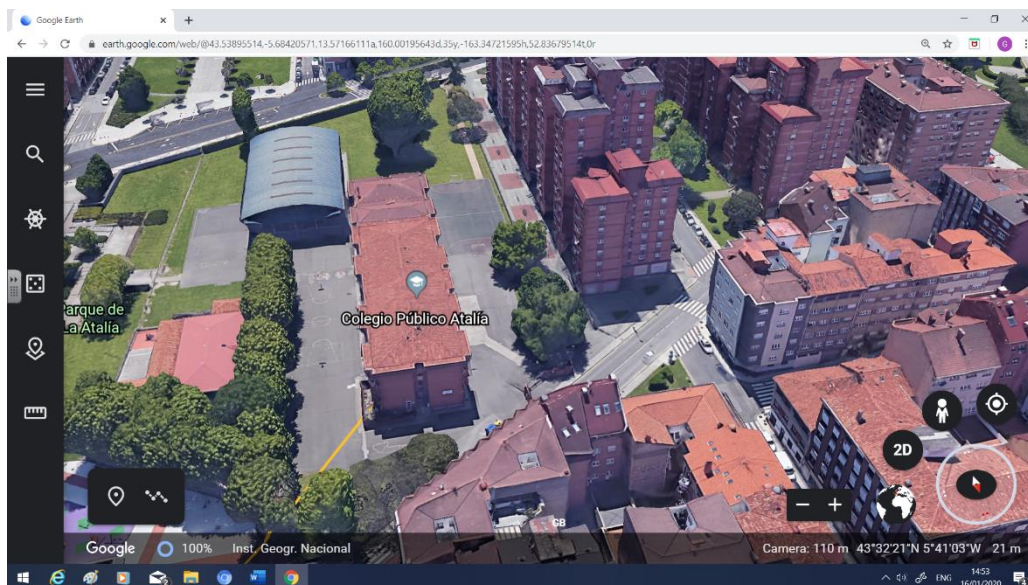
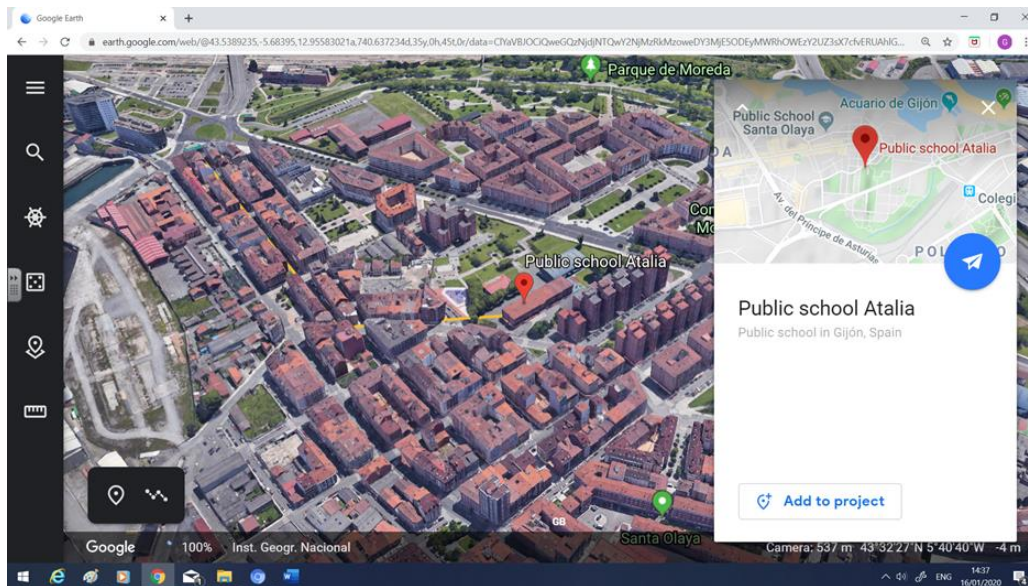


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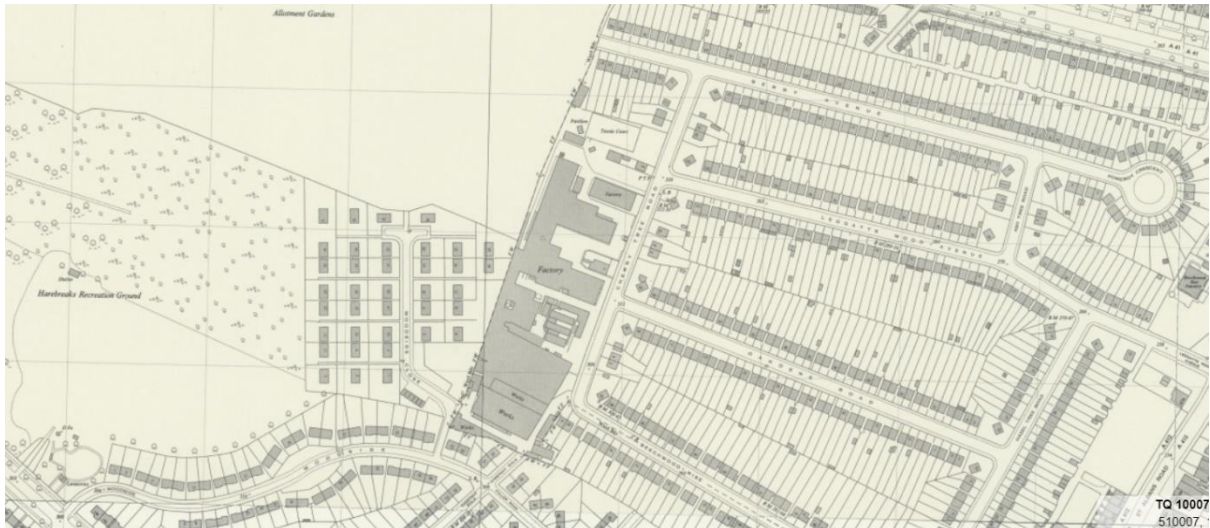


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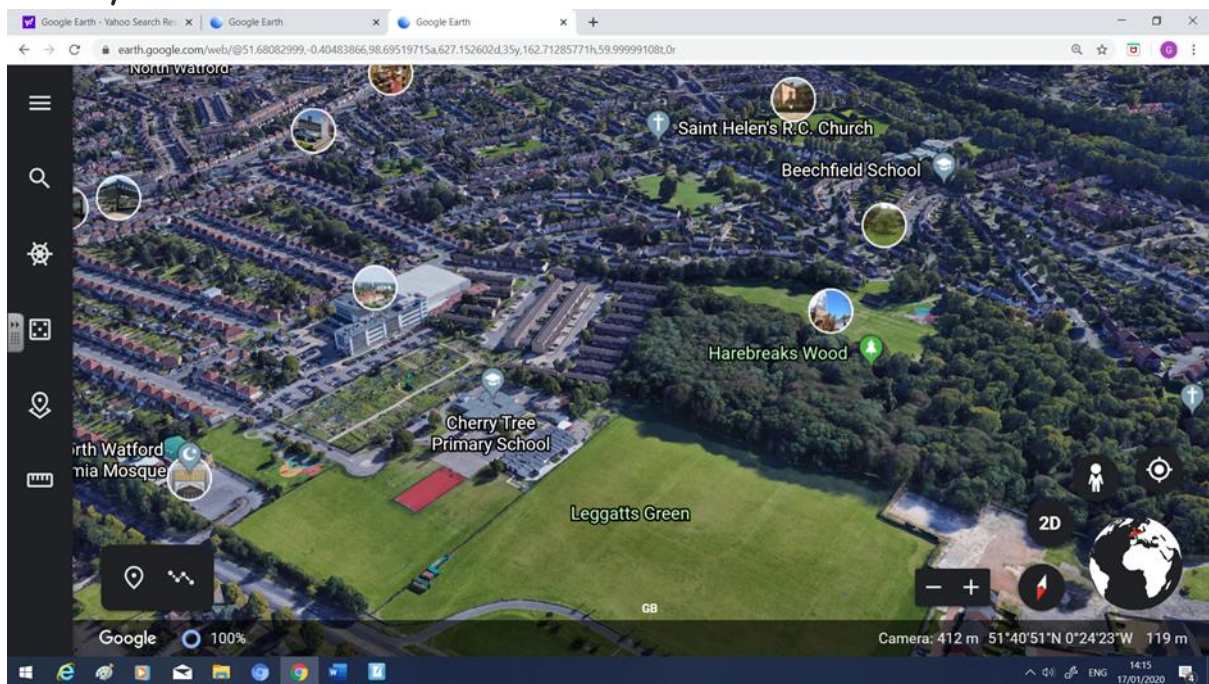
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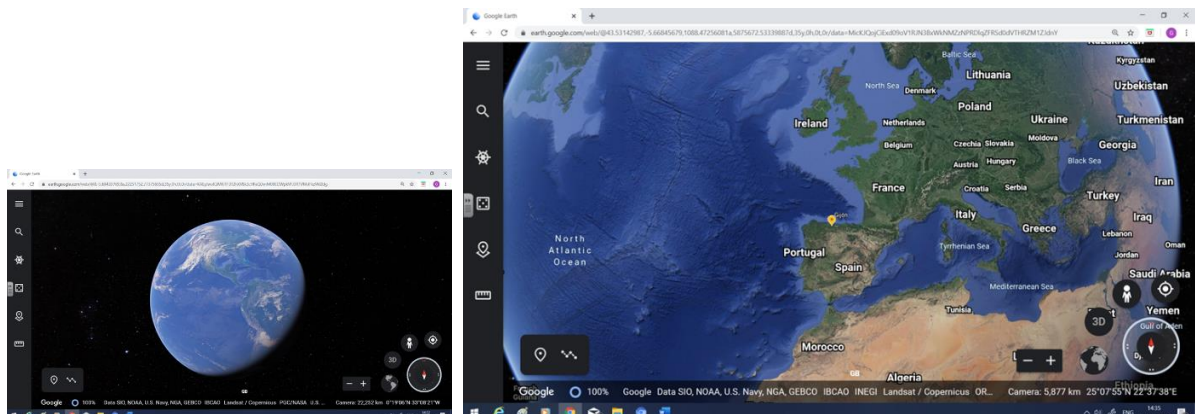
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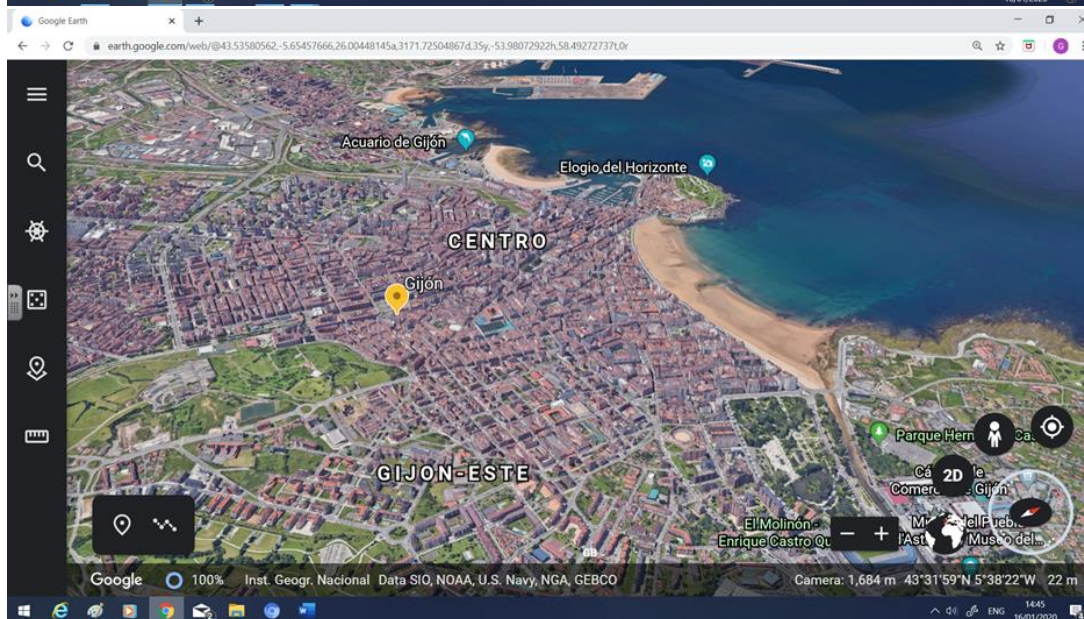
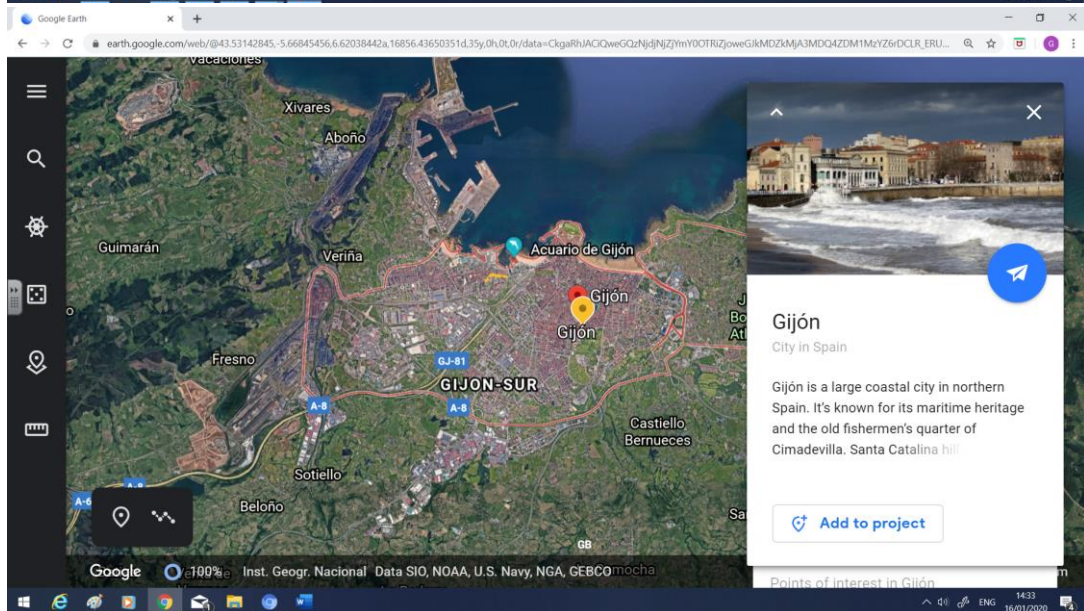
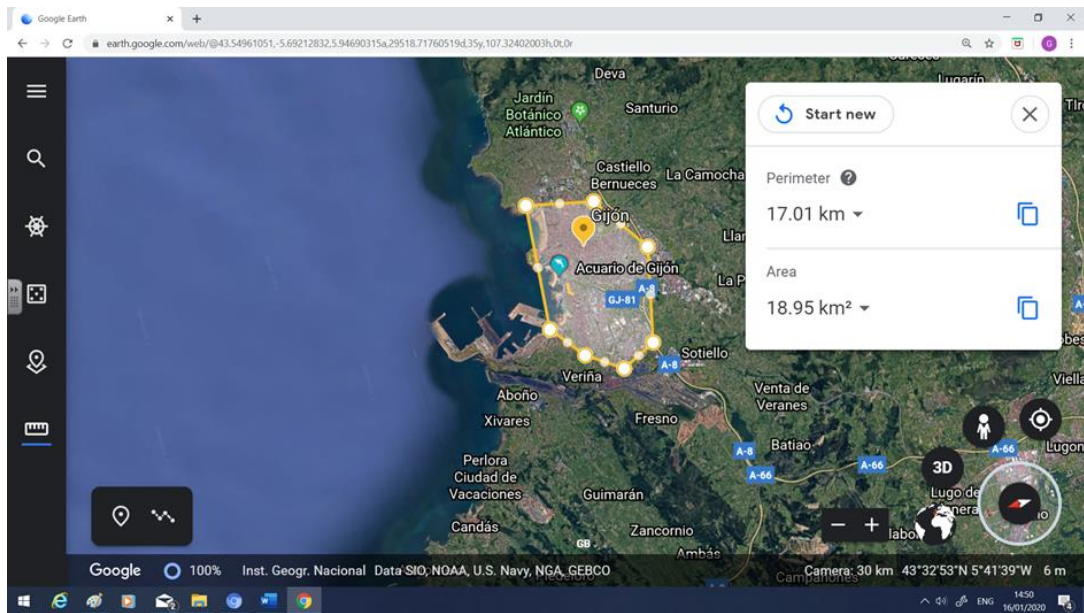
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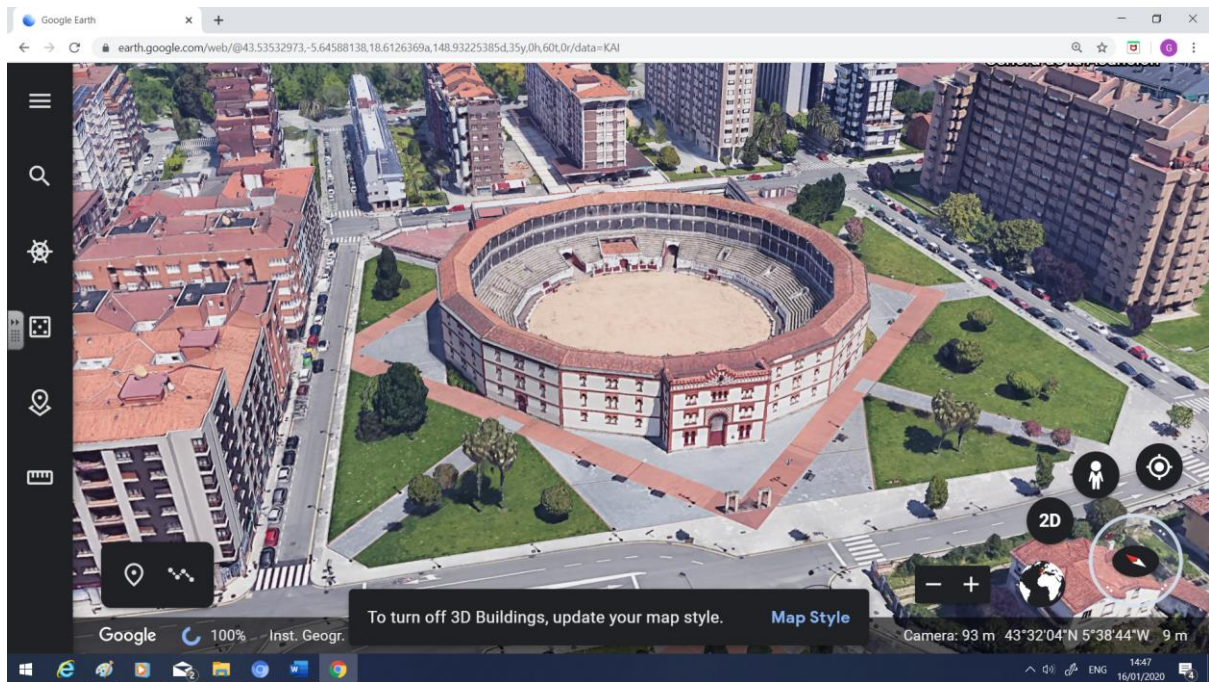
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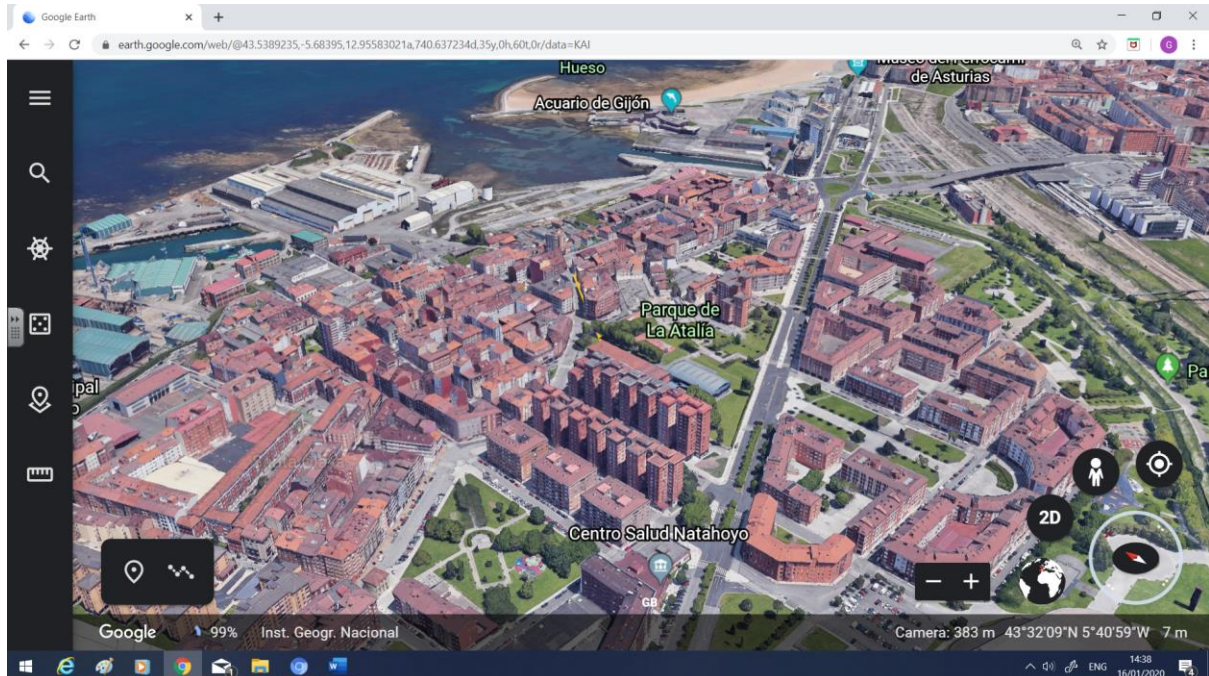
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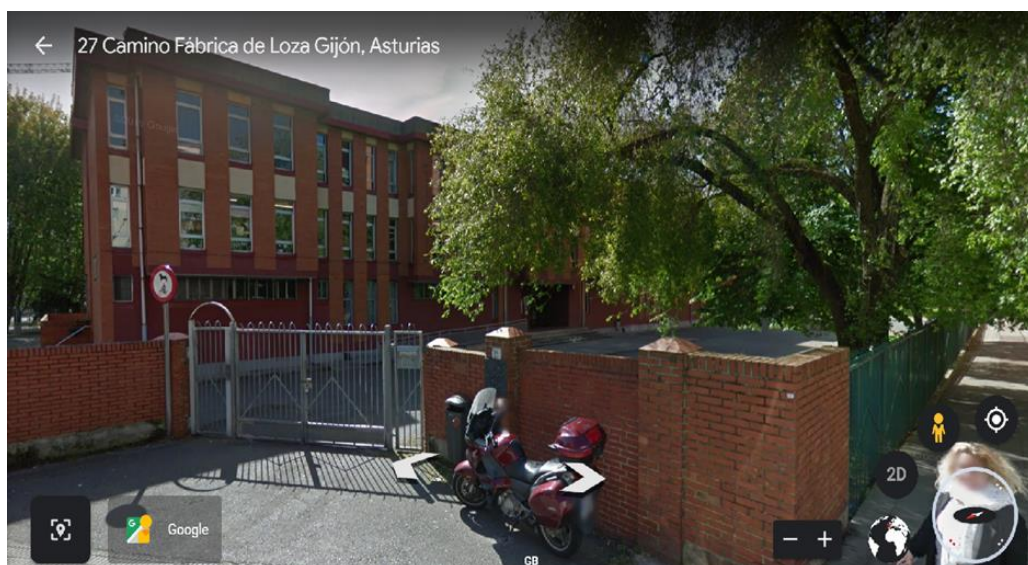
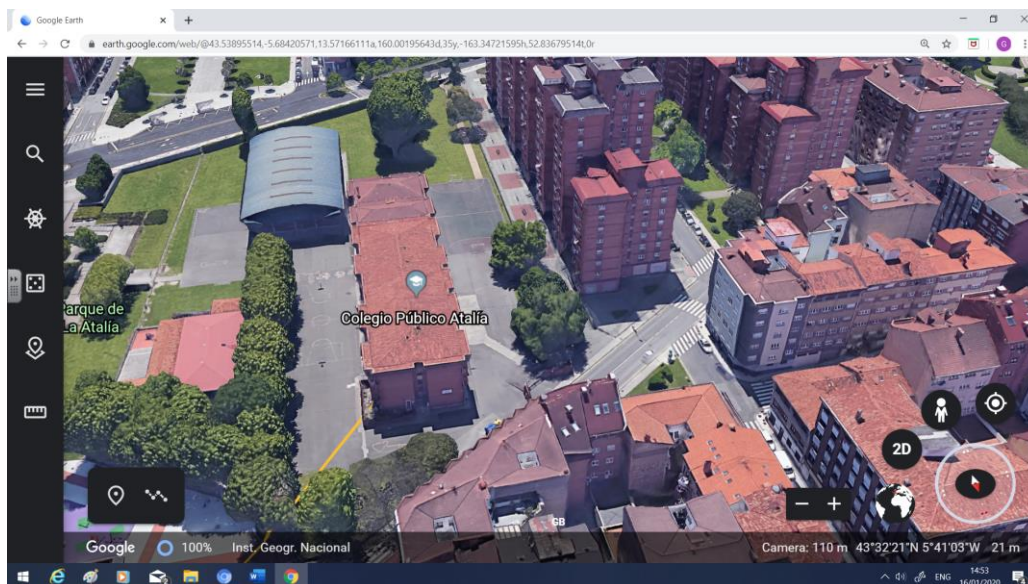
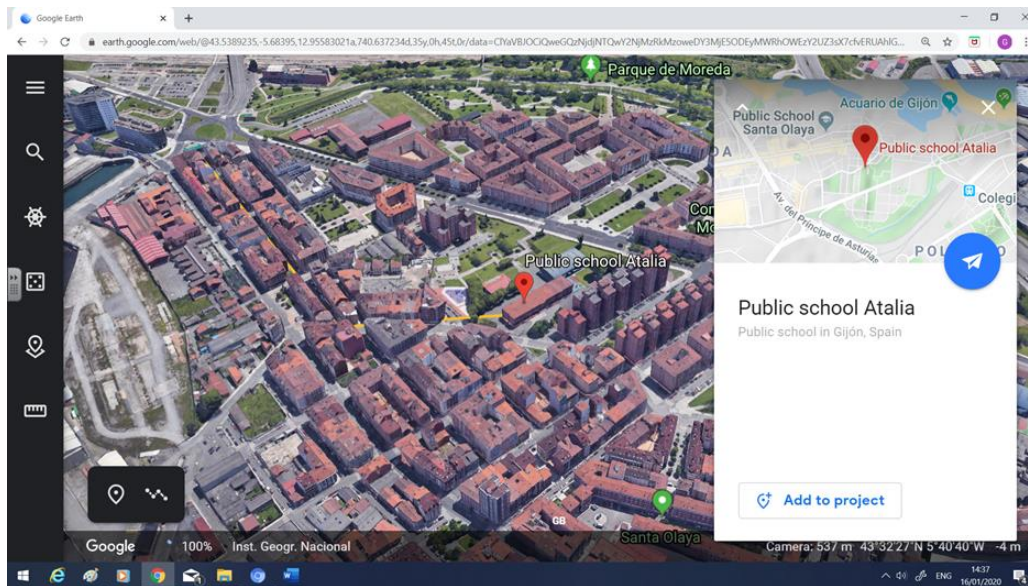


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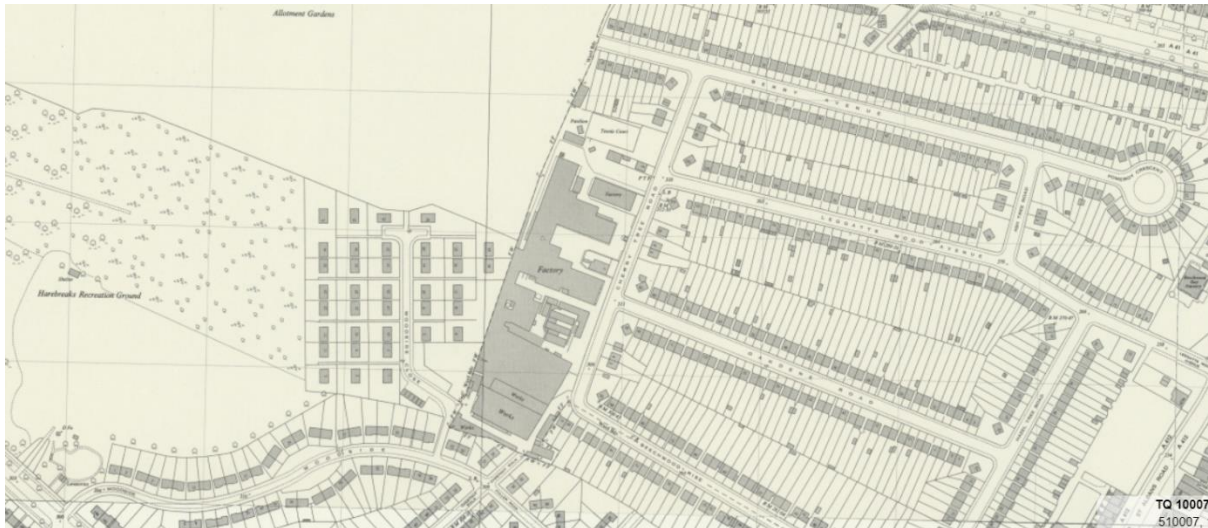


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Activities - Choose one only!!!

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- 5] Write a newspaper report about the riot in 1902.

6] Write an invitation to the coronation festivities promising food, party and a shilling?

7] Describe what it would have been like to see live animals in Watford High Street being herded to slaughter?

8] Create your own poster advertising products from Dr. Tibbles Chocolate Factory.

9] How did your road get its name? - You will need to do some research.

10] Imagine Watford a 100 years in the future - what new industries will have sprung up? What will new housing look like?