

Solutions

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

- “both changes” refers to two things named just before
- the **rents doubling** and **customer numbers falling**

2.2

- the council’s reason, not the owners’
- shoppers chose the **new shopping centre** (shorter walk and free parking)

2.3

- the first “however” contrasts the **council’s explanation** with the **shop owners’**
- the second contrasts empty units with the **Saturday market**

2.4

- “It has run for four months” — what has run?
- the **Saturday market** — not the group of residents

3.1 C

- the two facts **pull in opposite directions**: it loses money, yet they want it to continue

3.2

- the council is **defensive** and shifts responsibility
- the writer treats the market as promising: “one sign of change” and the rise in Saturday takings
- the contrast is between **explaining a decline** and **reporting a recovery**

3.3

- join the two ideas with a linking word
- e.g. “The rents doubled, **so** the shops closed” / “**Because** the rents doubled, the shops closed”