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WRITING • A description of a town or city

I can write a description of a town or city.

THINK! Check the meaning of the words in the box. Which has your town or city got?

businesses offices a zoo a castle a beach an old part shops factories

My city: EDINBURGH



1 Read the description of Edinburgh. Which words in the THINK! exercise are in the text? What other places are mentioned?

2 Complete the key phrases with words from the text.

KEY PHRASES

Describing a town or city

- 1 It's in the north / west / east / centre of
- 2 It's a / an town / city.
- 3 It's got a population of about ...
- 4 My favourite places are ... and ...
- 5 It's only ... from ...

Language point: Position of adjectives

3 Look at the phrases in blue in the text. Then choose the correct words.

- 1 When an adjective and noun are together, the adjective is before / after the noun.
- 2 We use really, very and quite before / after the adjective.

4 Order the words to make sentences.

- 1 old / a lot of / there / are / buildings
- 2 friends / got / I've / nice / some
- 3 shop / expensive / quite / this / is
- 4 isn't / library / very / the / big
- 5 a / castle / old / really / it's

Edinburgh is a city in the south of Scotland. It's an old city and it's got a population of about 500,000. There are a lot of shops, businesses and monuments.

I like Edinburgh because it's an interesting place and the people are really friendly. The shops here are really good and there are a lot of cinemas. My favourite places are the castle and the zoo.

There are some quite nice places near Edinburgh. It's only a few kilometres from the sea and there's a very pretty beach in Portobello. There are also trains and buses to Glasgow and the north. I like Glasgow, but I think Edinburgh is more interesting.



5 USE IT! Follow the steps in the writing guide.

WRITING GUIDE

A TASK

Write a description of a town or a city that you like for a website.

B THINK AND PLAN

- 1 Where is the town / city? How big is it?
- 2 Why do you like the town / city?
- 3 What are your favourite places?
- 4 Are there any nice places near the town / city?
- 5 What transport is there?

C WRITE

Paragraph 1: Location

... is a town / city in ...

Paragraph 2: Good things

I like ... because ...

Paragraph 3: Other places and transport

... is only ... from ...

D CHECK

- there's, there are
- position of adjectives
- comparative forms