

DEVELOPING CONVERSATIONS

Explaining where places are

- 1 Complete this conversation with the questions in the box.

So what's it like?	Where's it near?
How big is it?	So where are you from?
Really? Whereabouts?	Have you always lived there?
What do you like most about living there?	
And is there anything you don't like about it?	

- A: 1
 B: I'm from Italy, the south of Italy actually.
 A: 2
 B: I don't think you'll know it. It's a place called Ravello.
 A: No, never heard of it.
 3
 B: It's just south of Naples.
 A: Oh, right. I know Naples.
 4
 B: Well, lovely. It's a beautiful place, very near the sea.
 A: Sounds wonderful.
 5
 B: Oh, it's just a little village.
 A: It must be great.
 6
 B: I love the countryside and the mountains.
 A: 7
 B: Yes, all my life.
 A: 8
 B: Yes. There are too many tourists!

VOCABULARY Describing places

- 2 Choose the word which forms a collocation with the key word.

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| 1 car | area / bank / plant / trees |
| 2 town | village / square / circle / border |
| 3 agricultural | boat / traffic / wall / area |
| 4 transport | system / climate / factories / place |
| 5 Atlantic | plant / country / coast / forest |
| 6 river | coast / bank / church / shop |
| 7 24-hour | culture / system / crime / fields |
| 8 cold | square / climate / museum / port |

- 3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

murders	factories	24-hour culture	beach	rural
parks	desert	industrial	historic	bank

- I live in an area right next to a huge car plant.
- This is a very town. There are lots of old churches and you can even see parts of the old city wall.
- Our village is very It is surrounded by farms and fields.
- This is a very green city because we have a lot of
- I live near the ocean, so I spend all my time on the
- We have a in our town. The bars and shops are open all night.
- Some people live in boats tied to the of the river.
- The pollution is really bad where we live because there are so many
- I live in quite a dangerous area. There were two in my street last year.
- It's always very dry and very hot where I live because it's in the middle of the

PRONUNCIATION /s/ or /z/?

- 4 Look at the underlined sounds. Write /s/ or /z/ next to each word. Check your answers using a learner's dictionary.

trees	<u>/z/</u>	system	.....
parks	<u>/s/</u>	museum	.....
desert	.....	forest	.....
industrial	.....	bars	.....
historic	.....	boats	.....
factories	.....	place	.....
square	.....	circle	.....
coast	.....	dangerous	.....

Learner tip

You can find a guide to phonemic symbols such as /s/ and /z/ in the inside front cover of the Vocabulary Builder (in the back of the Student's Book) or in any good learner's dictionary.