56 My town

A Buildings and places in a town

castle

palace

church

museum

art gallery

market

park

library

post office

tower

square

bridge

GLOSSARY

building e.g. a shop, a church, a castle (NOT ~~square~~, ~~park~~, etc.)

place a particular building, shop, town, country or area: *This is a good **place** to eat. Prague is a lovely **place** to visit. The park is a nice **place** to go for a walk.*

1 **Is the pronunciation of the underlined sounds the same or different? Write *S* or *D*. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.**

▶ place / park D

1 castle / market .....
2 square / park .....
3 tower / post office .....
4 library / bridge .....
5 palace / bridge .....
6 church / museum .....
7 park / art gallery .....
8 church / bridge .....
9 market / castle .....

2 **Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. More than one answer is possible.**

▶ You can see all the main town buildings in the square.
1 You can see pictures and paintings in an .....
2 You can buy fruit and vegetables at a .....
3 You can read and study in a .....
4 You can learn about how people lived in the past in a .....
5 Children enjoy playing in the .....
6 You can see the city below from the top of the .....
7 You can buy stamps at the .....
8 The best place to see the river is if you stand on the .....
9 Some people get married in a .....
10 Churches, libraries and post offices are different kinds of .....
11 Squares, bridges and parks are different ..... in a town.

3 ABOUT YOU **Are the sentences true for you? If not, write true sentences about where you live, or tell another student.**

▶ There are no bridges where I live. False. There are three bridges in my town.
1 There is one post office where I live. .....
2 There's a good library and I often go there. .....
3 There's an art gallery and a museum. .....
4 There are a lot of parks where I live. .....
5 The buildings are all very old. .....
6 There's a market where I live every day. .....
7 There's a big square where people sit. .....
8 It's a terrible place to live. .....

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B Describing a town

Word	Example	Meaning
opinion	*What's your **opinion of** the new bridge?* *~ I think it's wonderful.* *In my **opinion**, it's too big.*	Your **opinion** is what you think about something. SYN **view**
busy	*It's **busy** in the summer when the tourists arrive.*	If a place is **busy**, it is full of people, cars, activity, etc. OPP **quiet**
crowded	*The bars get very **crowded** at night.*	full of people or too full of people **crowd (of people)** *n*
safe	*It's **safe** during the day, but can be **dangerous** at night.*	If a town is **safe**, there is not much crime there. OPP **dangerous**
dirty	*Some of the old buildings are very **dirty**.*	OPP **clean**
pollution	*There's a lot of **pollution** because of all the industry.*	dirty and dangerous air, gas, water, etc.
there's a lot to do **there's lots to do**	***There's a lot to do** in the evening – clubs, cinemas, and so on.*	= there are many activities and places to visit OPP **there's nothing to do**
noise	*There's too much **noise** at night.* *It's impossible to sleep.*	something that you can hear that is often loud and not nice **noisy** *adj* OPP **quiet**

4 **Underline the correct word.**

▶ The trains are usually ***crowded*** / ***crowd*** when people are going to work.

1 It's ***noise*** / ***noisy*** down by the station.
2 There's ***lots*** / ***lot*** to do in the city.
3 What's your ***view*** / ***think*** of the town?
4 In my ***opinion*** / ***idea***, it's quite safe.
5 Is your town a ***dangerous*** / ***safe*** place to live?
~ Yes, there isn't much crime.
6 It's a ***dirty*** / ***busy*** place – there's so much paper on the streets.
7 ***It's*** / ***There's*** nothing to do in the village.
8 What do you think about the ***noise*** / ***pollution*** in the river?

5 **Do the speakers like the places they're talking about? Tick (✓) *yes* or *no*.**

	YES	NO
▶ 'The streets are very dirty.'	☐	☑
1 'I think there's a lot of pollution, don't you?'	☐	☐
2 'There's lots to do during the day.'	☐	☐
3 'I always feel safe at night.'	☐	☐
4 'It's always very crowded at the weekends.'	☐	☐
5 'There's nothing to do at night.'	☐	☐
6 'It's so clean on the coast.'	☐	☐
7 'There's very little noise at night.'	☐	☐
8 'It's a really dangerous city.'	☐	☐

6 **Complete the dialogue.**

A What's your ▶ view of Walton?
B Well, in my **(1)** _____, it's a great place to live and work.
A Yes, but is it safe?
B Well, every town or city is a bit **(2)** _____ at night, but there's a lot to **(3)** _____ here.
A And is it very **(4)** _____ in the centre?
B There aren't so many people on weekdays, but there are big **(5)** _____ of people at the weekends, mainly local people and tourists. One thing I don't like is that there is so much traffic. The air isn't very **(6)** _____ because there's a lot of **(7)** _____ from the cars.
A How about outside the centre?
B Well, there are some beautiful parks, and nice, **(8)** _____ places to sit in the sun and do nothing.

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