

A description of a place

1 Look at the two photos. Answer the questions.

- Where do you think they are?
- What buildings can you see?
- Which things are natural and which are man-made?
- Which place would you prefer to visit? Why?

2 Read the articles. Answer the questions.

- Which places do they describe?
- What's the competition?

3 Work in pairs. Which of the places in the article do you prefer? Why?

4 Work in pairs. Think of three ways in which these places are similar to and different from your local area.

STRATEGY Making your descriptions more interesting

When you write a description of a place, it's important to make it interesting for the reader. To make it interesting, try and ...

- give the description an interesting title.
- ask the reader questions.
- use a variety of adjectives.
- give your opinion of the place.

5 Read the strategy. Then complete the table with examples from the article.

Interesting title	Questions	Adjectives	Opinion

6 You want to write an article for the competition. Think of one of your favourite places. Write a list of ...

- buildings / places / things to see there.
- adjectives to describe them.
- reasons why you think it's the best place.

7 Write your article in 80–100 words. Use your notes and the strategy to help you.

8 CHECK YOUR WORK

- Has your article got an interesting title?
- Do you ask any questions?
- Are the comparative and superlative adjectives spelled correctly?
- Do you give your opinion at the end?



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The City of Gold!

Sasha, 17

Do you know where Dubai is? It's a city in the United Arab Emirates.

Dubai is most famous for its modern architecture, such as the Palm Jumeirah, its shopping centres and the amazingly tall building, Burj Khalifa. How much taller is it than the Eiffel Tower? At over 800 metres, it is three times bigger!

Dubai also has some of the most expensive hotels in the world, e.g. the underwater hotel or the Burj Al Arab, which has gold walls, and is the only seven-star hotel.

But the thing I like best about Dubai are its many beaches and islands, and the beautiful deserts near Dubai are some of the easiest in the world to visit.



Dutch Venice

Amir, 16

The quietest place in Europe is a small village in the Netherlands called Giethoorn.

Why is it so quiet? Because there aren't any cars in it. Instead of wide streets, there are green parks, thick forests, narrow rivers and clean lakes.

Over 2,600 people live in Giethoorn's beautiful, old houses, and most people travel around by boat, or they ride a bike or walk over its 150 little bridges.

Giethoorn is most popular and busiest in the summer, but it isn't the best time of year to visit. When is it better? I prefer spring or autumn. That's when the people are friendlier, the temperatures are more comfortable and it's much emptier.

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