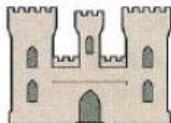


# I can talk about my town

## A Buildings and places in a town



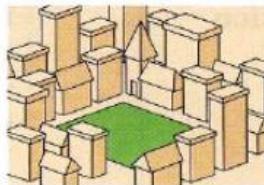
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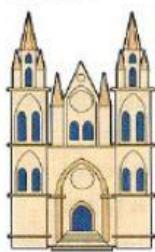
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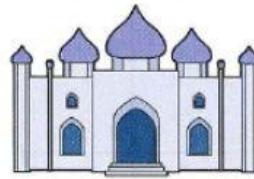
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(for Christians)



church  
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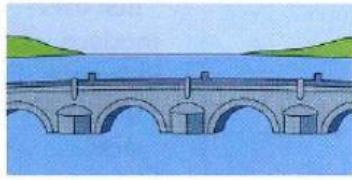
temple (e.g. for  
Hindus and Buddhists)



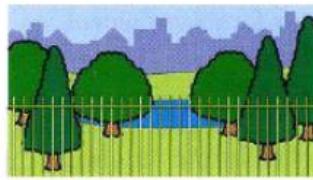
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(for Muslims)



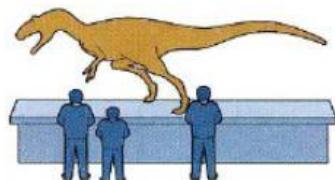
market



bridge



park



museum

**building** e.g. shop, church, castle NOT square, park, etc.

### 1 Correct the spelling mistakes.

- museom museum
- 1 brige bridge
- 2 scuare square
- 3 castel castle

- 4 catedral cathedral
- 5 parque park
- 6 musque mosque
- 7 bilding building

### spotlight place

We can use **place** as a general word for a town, part of a town, a hotel, etc.

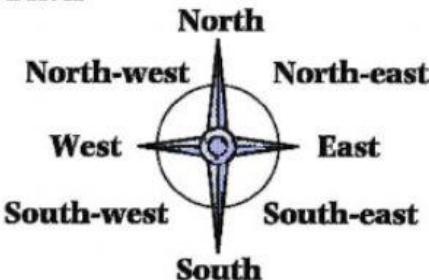
*Prague is a nice place.*

*The Ritz is a great place to stay.*

### 2 Complete the sentences.

- My sister got married in our little church .
- 1 I think Buddhists use that \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2 The \_\_\_\_\_ is the best place to see the river.
- 3 The \_\_\_\_\_ is the cheapest place to buy food.
- 4 You can learn about the history of the town in the local \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5 You can see children playing in the \_\_\_\_\_ from my hotel window.
- 6 There is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Nelson Mandela in the main \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 7 The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are both open to visitors from 10 until 5.
- 8 The square is a nice \_\_\_\_\_ to sit and watch people.

## B Facts

size	It's a	big/large <b>medium-sized</b> small	city town village
location	It's	in the north-east <b>of</b> Poland 50km west <b>of</b> Moscow <b>on</b> the coast <b>on</b> a river	
population	It's	over about <b>just under</b> } 10,000	
interesting facts	It's	famous for its cathedral <b>modern</b> <b>industrial</b>	
	It has	lots of <b>historic</b> buildings	

### Glossary

**fact** a piece of true information  
**size** how big or small  
 something is  
**city** a very large town,  
 e.g. 2 million people  
**town** smaller than a city,  
 e.g. 30,000 people  
**village** smaller than a town,  
 e.g. 1,000 people, and in the  
 countryside.  
**location** the place where  
 something is, e.g. 50 kms from  
 Rome  
**population** the number of  
 people who live in a place  
**over 1 mile** more than 1 mile  
**opp** under  
**just under** a little under (also  
 just over)  
**modern** of the present **opp** old  
**industrial** having a lot of  
 industry, e.g. making cars or  
 steel  
**historic** important in history

### 4 Write the phrases in the correct columns.

in the north-east ✓      on the coast      famous for historic buildings      over two million  
 an industrial town      just under 50,000      on the River Duero      a small village  
 south-west of the capital      about 3,000      a large city      a medium-sized town

Size	Location	Population	Interesting facts
	in the north-east		

### 5 Complete the text about Turin.

Turin is a large ► city , 140 km south-west (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Milan,  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the north-west (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Italy. It is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the River Po  
 and three other rivers. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ is just (6) \_\_\_\_\_ one million (in fact, it is  
 908, 000). It is an (7) \_\_\_\_\_ city: the car makers, Fiat, are based here, for example, but it  
 also has many (8) \_\_\_\_\_ buildings, including palaces and castles.

### 6 ABOUT YOUR TOWN Write a similar text about your city/town/village.

## C Opinions

Word	Example	Meaning
<b>opinion</b>	<i>What's your <b>opinion</b> of the new cathedral? ~ I think it's wonderful.</i>	Your <b>opinion</b> is what you think about something; it is not a fact.
<b>busy</b>	<i>It's <b>busy</b> in the summer when the tourists arrive.</i>	If a place is <b>busy</b> , it is full of people, cars, and activity. OPP <b>quiet</b>
<b>crowded</b>	<i>The bars get very <b>crowded</b> in the evenings.</i>	full of people or too full of people
<b>polluted</b> <b>dirty</b>	<i>It's very <b>polluted</b> because of all the industry. The buildings are very <b>dirty</b>.</i>	a <b>polluted</b> place has <b>dirty</b> air, water, etc. OPP <b>clean</b>
<b>cosmopolitan</b>	<i>London and New York are very <b>cosmopolitan</b> cities.</i>	having people from many different countries living there
<b>there's lots to do</b>	<i><b>There's lots to do</b> in the evening – discos, cinemas, and so on.</i>	= there are many activities and places to visit OPP <b>there's nothing to do</b>
<b>nightlife</b>	<i>The <b>nightlife</b> in my town is very good.</i>	places to go in the evening: bars, clubs, etc.
<b>safe</b>	<i>It's <b>safe</b> during the day but can be dangerous at night.</i>	free from danger. If a town is <b>safe</b> , you don't need lots of police. OPP <b>dangerous</b>

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

	YES	NO
► 'The streets are very dirty.'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1 'I think it's very polluted, don't you?'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 'There's lots to do during the day.'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 'I think the nightlife is great.'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	YES	NO
4 'There's nothing to do at night.'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 'It's so clean on the coast.'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 'I always feel safe at night.'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 'It's a really dangerous city.'	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 8 Complete the dialogue.

A What's your ► opinion of Walton?

B Well, there are people from all over the world, so it's very (1) \_\_\_\_\_ – I love that.

A Yes, but is it safe?

B Well, every city is a bit (2) \_\_\_\_\_ at night, but there's a lot to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ here, and the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ is very good – lots of bars and clubs.

A And is it very busy in the centre?

B It's OK on weekdays, but it gets very (5) \_\_\_\_\_ at the weekends, with all the tourists. The centre is also quite dirty; the river is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ because of the industry.

### 9 ABOUT YOUR TOWN Write your opinions, or ask another student.

- 1 Is your city/town/village a safe place to live, or is it dangerous? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What is there to do during the day? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Is it usually busy or quiet? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What about the nightlife? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Is it a very cosmopolitan place? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Is it a nice place to live? \_\_\_\_\_