

(7) HOW DO PLACES GET THEIR NAMES?

ACTIVITY 1: VOCABULARY: SETTLEMENTS

COMMUTER TOWN FISHING VILLAGE FORTRESS HAMLET
INDUSTRIAL CITY MARKET TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PORT
SEASIDE RESORT SUBURB UNIVERSITY CITY

Write the correct words for the quotes.

1. "There are a lot of big modern hotels and busy beaches." _____
2. "In the past, almost everyone here made their living from the sea." _____
3. "There are just a few houses there - no stores, no school." _____
4. "The colleges are really beautiful and the streets are full of students on bicycles." _____
5. "Friday is the best day of the week in my town. Go to the main square and you'll be able to buy fresh fruit and vegetables, honey, cheese...all sorts of things!" _____
6. "These thick walls used to keep enemies out!" _____
7. "I live near the edge of the city. There are lots of houses. It's a bit boring, but it's safe." _____

ACTIVITY 2: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Would you rather live in a village, a commuter town or a university city? Why?

2. Would you describe your hometown or city as industrial? Why? / Why not?

3. What is the nearest port to your home?

4. Do you think your neighborhood is a good place to live? Why?

ACTIVITY 3: Choose one of the following places, or any other of your choice. Read or look up the information and complete the chart with at least three sentences for history. Use the phrases in the box.

Key phrases Talking about places and origins

It's a (seaside resort) in the (southwest) of (England).

It was (invaded / built / founded) by

The name tells us

... is named after (a person / a battle / a natural feature).

... comes from the word ..., which means

That's a (funny / unusual / complicated) name.

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NAME	
SETTLEMENT / NATURAL FEATURE	
HISTORY	
NAME AFTER / MEANS	

ACTIVITY 4: Read the [text](#) and complete the information.

Name: Shi Cheng
Founded: _____
Population: _____
When did people leave? _____
Why? _____

Name: Bodie
Founded: _____
Population: _____
When did people leave? _____
Why? _____

Name: Pripyat
Founded: _____
Population: _____
When did people leave? _____
Why? _____

ACTIVITY 5: Find synonyms in the travel guide.

1	huge	.....	5	move away	.....
2	deserted	.....	6	defend	.....
3	lively	.....	7	contemporary	.....
4	sadly	.....	8	possessions	.....