

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

4 library / bridge

7 park / art gallery

2 square / park

5 palace / bridge

8 church / bridge

3 tower / post office

6 church / museum

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.



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) <i>n</i>
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 <i>adj</i> 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 | | YES | NO |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ▶ 'The streets are very dirty.' | ☐ | ☒ | 4 'It's always very crowded at the weekends.' | ☐ | ☐ |
| 1 'I think there's a lot of pollution, don't you?' | ☐ | ☐ | 5 'There's nothing to do at night.' | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2 'There's lots to do during the day.' | ☐ | ☐ | 6 'It's so clean on the coast.' | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3 'I always feel safe at night.' | ☐ | ☐ | 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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