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EZ Speakers II
Lesson 8.1

goals Learn to talk about towns (there is/are and Places in a city)

1 READING

a Where do you think pictures a–c are from? Choose from the countries in the box.

England China Spain
Germany the USA France

b Read *Strange towns* and check your answers.

c Read the text again and answer the questions.

1 How is Thames Town unusual?
2 Can you see other towns like this near Shanghai?
3 Why do people visit Thames Town?
4 What's the best way to get there from Shanghai?

d Talk about the questions.

1 Would you like to visit Thames Town? Why / Why not?
2 Would you like to live there?

Strange towns

Thames Town

Why is it strange?

Thames Town is an unusual English town. There's a town square with beautiful buildings and there are some nice restaurants. There are streets with cafés and big, green parks where you can sit and relax. You can walk by the river in the centre of the town. So, what's unusual? Well, there aren't any English people apart from some tourists. Thames Town isn't in England, it's in China. And the buildings aren't actually old. Thames Town is new – they finished it in 2006.

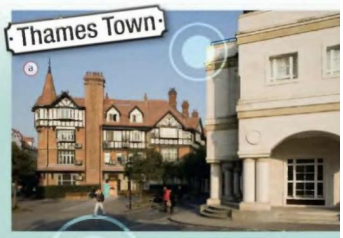
Thames Town is in Songjiang 30 km west of Shanghai, a big city in the east of China. It was part of the building project 'One city, nine towns'. There's also a German town with modern apartments and a river with bridges and a Spanish town with squares and windmills.

Who lives there?

A lot of the buildings are still empty because it's very expensive to live there. But young Chinese people often go there and take photos when they get married. And, of course, lots of tourists visit because they can see so many different places in one day!

How can I get there?

It's easy to get there. There isn't a metro station in the town, but Songjiang New City metro station is only 4 km away – take Shanghai Metro Line 9 from the centre of Shanghai and then take a taxi or a bus. You can travel from China to 'England' in less than an hour!









2 VOCABULARY Places in a city

a Write out twelve words in *Strange Towns* for places in a town or city. Which ones can you see in pictures a–c?



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