

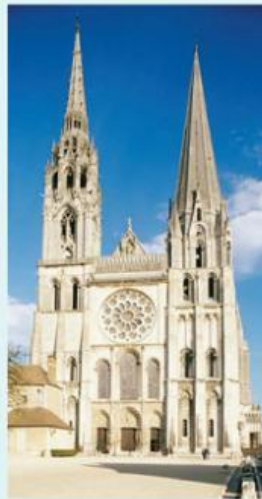
A Things to see



palace

fountain

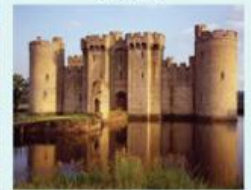
mosque



cathedral



market



castle



temple



statue

B Tourist activities

activity	example
• go sightseeing [visit famous places; also see the sights]	We went sightseeing almost every day. I like to see the sights when I visit a place.
• do a bit of / a lot of sightseeing	I didn't do a lot of sightseeing in Warsaw.
• have a look round [visit a place casually, often on foot]	We had a look round the shops. I want to have a look round the museum.
• explore [go round a new place to see what is there]	We explored the flower market.
• go out [leave home / your hotel to go to a social event, e.g. restaurant or theatre]	On holiday we went out every night.
• get lost [lose one's way]	I got lost three times in London.
• have a great/nice/terrible time	They had a lovely time in Venice.
• buy souvenirs [something you buy or keep to remember a place or holiday]	We bought some dolls as souvenirs .

C Describing places

The word **place** can describe a building, an area, a town, or country, e.g. Bruges is a lovely **place** [town] and we found a really nice **place** [hotel] to stay.

“The **guidebooks** [books with information about places] say the Alhambra in Granada is **magnificent** [very good or very beautiful], but it's always **packed** [very crowded] with tourists in the summer.”

“São Paulo is a **lively** place [full of life and activity], and there's **plenty** [a lot] to do in the evening.”

“St Petersburg has lots of **historic monuments** [important places built a long time ago] but the Hermitage Museum was the main **attraction** for me. [something that makes people come to a place or want to do a particular thing]”

“If you go to Poland, it's definitely **worth** visiting Kraków.”

Language help

We use **worth** + noun/-ing to say that it is a good idea to do something or go somewhere.
It's **worth** hiring a car if you go to Scotland. Glasgow is **worth a visit** as well.

Exercises

50.1 Tick (✓) the words which refer to religious places.

castle	church ✓	temple
statue	market	cathedral
fountain	mosque	palace

50.2 Complete the email.

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From: John H. x

7:03 AM (3 hours ago)

Hi everyone,

I've been in Paris for over a week now and I'm having a great ¹ time. I did quite a lot of ² in the first few days – the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame, and all the usual tourist ³ . Most places are absolutely ⁴ with tourists at the moment, so yesterday I decided to ⁵ one or two shopping areas. I got ⁶ on my way back to the hotel, but it didn't matter because I discovered a really fascinating street ⁷ selling just about everything from apples to antiques.

I ate in the hotel the first night but I usually ⁸ for dinner – the restaurants are great and I can get a set meal for €20.

I hope you're all well. I'll write again in a few days.

All the best,

John

50.3 Complete the dialogues, but without using a word from the question.

- 1 A: It's a fabulous city, isn't it?
B: Yes, it's a wonderful place.
- 2 A: It was very crowded, wasn't it?
B: Yes, it was absolutely .
- 3 A: It's lively in the evening, isn't it?
B: Yes, there's .
- 4 A: Did you enjoy yourselves?
B: Yes, we had a .
- 5 A: Kyoto is a good place to go to, isn't it?
B: Yes, Kyoto is definitely .
- 6 A: You know a lot about this castle, don't you?
B: Yes, I bought a .
- 7 A: St Petersburg has got many famous old places to see, hasn't it?
B: Yes, lots of historic .
- 8 A: The Taj Mahal was impressive and so beautiful.
B: Yes, it was .
- 9 A: Did you explore the town centre?
B: Yes, we had a .

50.4 Over to you

Think about your own country and write answers. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.

- 1 Write down a place that is worth visiting and a place that is not worth visiting and say why.
- 2 Is there a place that is particularly famous for its historic monuments? What are they?
- 3 What typical souvenirs do tourists buy when they visit?
- 4 What are the main attractions for tourists to your country? Do you think they are worth seeing?