

An article

I can write an article about a town.

- 1 **SPEAKING** In pairs, look at the photo of Beverley, a town in the north of England. Compare it to your town or village using the comparative form of these adjectives.

attractive clean crowded exciting

It looks more / less attractive than my town. It's probably ...

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- 2 Read the task and the model text, ignoring the gaps. Think of three similarities between Beverley and your town or village.

Write an article for an international student magazine describing your own town or a town that you know well. Include information which will be appealing to young visitors.

They both have a shopping centre. They ...

A town worth visiting

1 ___ It is a small town, with a population of about 30,000, but it is popular with tourists. They come to explore the narrow streets and to visit the medieval buildings.

2 ___ There are two music festivals every year: a classical music festival in May and a folk music festival in June. There is also a theatre in the town centre. And for nature-lovers, there is a beautiful park called Beverley Westwood. It's the perfect place for a walk or a picnic. There isn't a football stadium in Beverley, but there is a leisure centre and a racecourse.

3 ___ The narrow streets are full of small, interesting shops. There is also a big new shopping centre on the edge of town. And every Saturday, there is a market in the town centre with more than a hundred different stalls.

Writing Strategy

Write in paragraphs of two or more sentences. Give each paragraph its own topic and introduce the topic in the first sentence. Plan your paragraphs before you begin writing.

- 3 Read the **Writing Strategy**. Match the gaps in the model text (1–3) with three of the sentences (a–e) below. There are two extra sentences.

- a There are many different forms of entertainment in Beverley.
- b It is easy to travel around when you are in Beverley.
- c For people who love shopping, Beverley has a lot to offer.
- d Beverley, in the north of England, is a very attractive and historic town.
- e There is a wide choice of places for eating out, some cheap and some quite expensive.



- 4 Read the paragraph below. Which of the extra sentences in exercise 3 would be a good opening sentence?

___ For a quick lunch, it's easy to find a tea room or café. There are some good sandwich shops too. In the evening, you can enjoy dinner in one of the town's many restaurants. Some of the pubs offer good food at low prices. And like most towns in Britain, there are also fish and chip shops!

- 5 Find six different places for eating and drinking in the paragraph in exercise 4.
- 6 Plan an article about your own town or a town you know well. Choose three of the topics below and write two or three ideas for each topic in the table.

eating out entertainment getting around history
places of interest places to stay shopping

Paragraph	Topic	Ideas
1		
2		
3		

- 7 Write a sentence to introduce each topic that you chose in exercise 6.
- 8 Write your article using your plan from exercise 6. Begin each paragraph with your sentences from exercise 7.

CHECK YOUR WORK

Have you ...

- written in paragraphs?
- started each paragraph with a sentence to introduce the topic?
- checked your spelling and grammar?