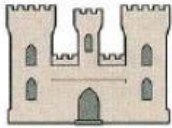


I can talk about my town

A Buildings and places in a town



castle



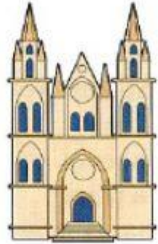
palace



statue



square



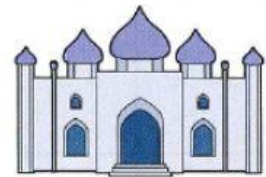
cathedral
(for Christians)



church
(for Christians)



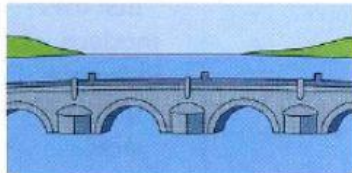
temple (e.g. for
Hindus and Buddhists)



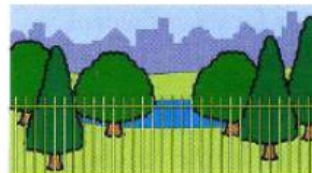
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(for Muslims)



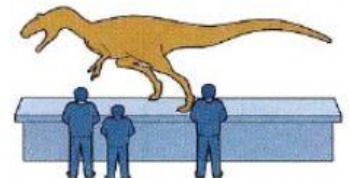
market



bridge



park



museum

building e.g. shop, church, castle NOT square, park, etc.

1 Correct the spelling mistakes.

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| ► museom <u>museum</u> | 4 catedral _____ |
| 1 brige _____ | 5 parque _____ |
| 2 scuare _____ | 6 musque _____ |
| 3 castel _____ | 7 bilding _____ |

2 Complete the sentences.

- My sister got married in our little church.
- I think Buddhists use that _____.
 - The _____ is the best place to see the river.
 - The _____ is the cheapest place to buy food.
 - You can learn about the history of the town in the local _____.
 - You can see children playing in the _____ from my hotel window.
 - There is a _____ of Nelson Mandela in the main _____.
 - The _____ and _____ are both open to visitors from 10 until 5.
 - The square is a nice _____ to sit and watch people.

spotlight place

We can use **place** as a general word for a town, part of a town, a hotel, etc.

*Prague is **a nice place**.*

*The Ritz is **a great place** to stay.*

B Facts

size	It's a	big/large medium-sized small	city town village
location	It's	in the north-east of Poland 50km west of Moscow on the coast on a river 	
population	It's	over } 10,000 about } just under }	
interesting facts	It's	famous for its cathedral modern industrial	
	It has	lots of historic buildings	

Glossary

fact a piece of true information
size how big or small something is
city a very large town, e.g. 2 million people
town smaller than a city, e.g. 30,000 people
village smaller than a town, e.g. 1,000 people, and in the countryside.
location the place where something is, e.g. 50 kms from Rome
population the number of people who live in a place
over 1 mile more than 1 mile
OPP under
just under a little under (also **just over**)
modern of the present **OPP old**
industrial having a lot of industry, e.g. making cars or steel
historic important in history

4 Write the phrases in the correct columns.

in the north-east ✓ on the coast famous for historic buildings over two million
 an industrial town just under 50,000 on the River Duero a small village
 south-west of the capital about 3,000 a large city a medium-sized town

Size	Location	Population	Interesting facts
	in the north-east		

5 Complete the text about Turin.

Turin is a large ► city , 140 km south-west (1) _____ Milan,
 (2) _____ the north-west (3) _____ Italy. It is (4) _____ the River Po
 and three other rivers. The (5) _____ is just (6) _____ one million (in fact, it is
 908, 000). It is an (7) _____ city: the car makers, Fiat, are based here, for example, but it
 also has many (8) _____ buildings, including palaces and castles.

6 ABOUT YOUR TOWN Write a similar text about your city/town/village.

C Opinions

Word	Example	Meaning
opinion	What's your opinion of the new cathedral? ~ I think it's wonderful.	Your opinion is what you think about something; it is not a fact.
busy	It's busy in the summer when the tourists arrive.	If a place is busy , it is full of people, cars, and activity. OPP quiet
crowded	The bars get very crowded in the evenings.	full of people or too full of people
polluted dirty	It's very polluted because of all the industry. The buildings are very dirty .	a polluted place has dirty air, water, etc. OPP clean
cosmopolitan	London and New York are very cosmopolitan cities.	having people from many different countries living there
there's lots to do	There's lots to do in the evening – discos, cinemas, and so on.	= there are many activities and places to visit OPP there's nothing to do
nightlife	The nightlife in my town is very good.	places to go in the evening: bars, clubs, etc.
safe	It's safe during the day but can be dangerous at night.	free from danger. If a town is safe , you don't need lots of police. OPP dangerous

7 Do the speakers like the places they're talking about? Tick (✓) yes or no.

	YES	NO		YES	NO
▶ 'The streets are very dirty.'	☐	☒	4 'There's nothing to do at night.'	☐	☐
1 'I think it's very polluted, don't you?'	☐	☐	5 'It's so clean on the coast.'	☐	☐
2 'There's lots to do during the day.'	☐	☐	6 'I always feel safe at night.'	☐	☐
3 'I think the nightlife is great.'	☐	☐	7 'It's a really dangerous city.'	☐	☐

8 Complete the dialogue.

- A What's your ▶ opinion of Walton?
- B Well, there are people from all over the world, so it's very (1) _____ – I love that.
- A Yes, but is it safe?
- B Well, every city is a bit (2) _____ at night, but there's a lot to (3) _____ here, and the (4) _____ is very good – lots of bars and clubs.
- A And is it very busy in the centre?
- B It's OK on weekdays, but it gets very (5) _____ at the weekends, with all the tourists. The centre is also quite dirty; the river is (6) _____ because of the industry.

9 ABOUT YOUR TOWN Write your opinions, or ask another student.

- Is your city/town/village a safe place to live, or is it dangerous? _____
- What is there to do during the day? _____
- Is it usually busy or quiet? _____
- What about the nightlife? _____
- Is it a very cosmopolitan place? _____
- Is it a nice place to live? _____