

# 56) My town

## A Buildings and places in a town



castle



palace



church



museum



art gallery



market



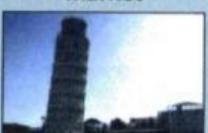
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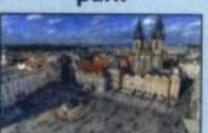
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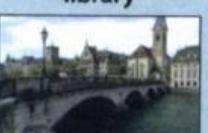
post office



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 to help you. Practise saying the words.

► place / park	D	4 library / bridge	.....	7 park / <u>art</u> gallery	.....
1 castle / market	.....	5 palace / bridge	.....	8 church / bridge	.....
2 <u>square</u> / park	.....	6 church / museum	.....	9 market / <u>castle</u>	.....
3 tower / post office	.....				

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. .....

**TEST YOURSELF**

## B Describing a town

Word	Example	Meaning
opinion	<i>What's your opinion of the new bridge? ~ I think it's wonderful. In my opinion, it's too big.</i>	Your <b>opinion</b> is what you think about something. <b>SYN view</b>
busy	<i>It's busy in the summer when the tourists arrive.</i>	If a place is <b>busy</b> , it is full of people, cars, activity, etc. <b>OPP quiet</b>
crowded	<i>The bars get very crowded at night.</i>	full of people or too full of people <b>crowd (of people) n</b>
safe	<i>It's safe during the day, but can be dangerous at night.</i>	If a town is <b>safe</b> , there is not much crime there. <b>OPP dangerous</b>
dirty	<i>Some of the old buildings are very dirty.</i>	<b>OPP clean</b>
pollution	<i>There's a lot of pollution because of all the industry.</i>	dirty and dangerous air, gas, water, etc.
there's a lot to do there's lots to do	<i>There's a lot to do in the evening – clubs, cinemas, and so on.</i>	= there are many activities and places to visit <b>OPP there's nothing to do</b>
noise	<i>There's too much noise at night. It's impossible to sleep.</i>	something that you can hear that is often loud and not nice <b>noisy adj OPP quiet</b>

### 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.

<p>► 'The streets are very dirty.'</p> <p>1 'I think there's a lot of pollution, don't you?'</p> <p>2 'There's lots to do during the day.'</p> <p>3 'I always feel safe at night.'</p>	<p><b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>4 'It's always very crowded at the weekends.'</p> <p>5 'There's nothing to do at night.'</p> <p>6 'It's so clean on the coast.'</p> <p>7 'There's very little noise at night.'</p> <p>8 'It's a really dangerous city.'</p>	<p><b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>

### 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.

