

DESCRIBING A PLACE

Structure analysis:

Paragraph 1 Attract your reader's attention by writing the general information about the place
(name of the place/building, location, reasons for choosing the place/building etc.)

Paragraph 2 Place – Talk about the special sights, sounds, type of town/city it is, etc.

Paragraph 3 Historical background, talk about the people who live there and the culture.

Paragraph 4 Say your opinion and feelings about the place and/ or give a recommendation.

Useful language:

Listing points

Firstly, to start with, finally

Giving additional information

As well as, in addition to, moreover, apart from that, besides

Expressing contrast

But, however, despite the fact that, nevertheless, even though

Giving an example

For instance, especially, in particular, such as

Summing up

In conclusion, on the whole, in general, to sum up, considering the above, taking everything into account

Useful 'tips':

a wide range of adjectives and adverbs will make your description more interesting, for example, colourful, fascinating, fantastic, charming, delicious, awful etc,

present tenses should be used when describing a place/building, for example, 'It is an enormous building which captures your eye immediately',

past tenses should be used when you describe a visit to a place/buildings which took place in the past, for example, 'It was the most amazing building I have ever seen',

Use of the senses (hearing, sight, smell, taste, touch) as well as narrative techniques to start and finish your composition will make your description more vivid. For example, crowded centre, breathtaking smell of the flowers etc,

use direct speech/ address the reader, for example, 'You will be amazed with the city's sites to visit!'

ask a rhetorical question, for example, 'Do you think you have seen the best part of Europe? Well, let me tell you about...'