

Describing places vocabulary and speaking
New Cutting Edge Intermediate Module 3

Adjectives to describe cities

Adjectives to describe villages and the countryside

Features of cities

Features of villages and the countryside

*Put any of the words below that you haven't already got into the boxes above.
A few could be in more than one place.*

Mountain range	Crowded	Polluted
Peaceful	Monument	Square
Cosmopolitan	Busy	Field
Meadow	Rolling hills	Narrow lane
Pedestrianised shopping street		Skyscrapers
Housing estates	Blocks of flats	Cottage
Amusement park	Traditional fair	Amusement arcade
Shopping mall	Ferris wheel (= Big wheel)	Cliff
Parliament/ Senate	Town hall/ City hall	Department store
Stately home/ Mansion/ Manor house		Ceremonial gate
Stream	Fountain	Waterfall
Botanical gardens	Mosque	Cathedral
Parish church	Temple	Lake
Pond	Market	Supermarket
Castle	Palace	Forest/ Wood
Wildlife	Office building	High-rise building
Traffic jam/ Congestion	Urban	Rural
Quiet/ Peaceful	Romantic	Scenery
Peak	Hiking trail	Landmark
Slow paced	Cemetery/ Graveyard	Downtown
Suburbs	Commuters	Rush hour
Tram	Path	Pavement (= Sidewalk)
Dirty	Nature	Litter
Crops	Embassy	
Financial district (e.g. Wall Street or The City)		

Describe a country or city in the list below to your partner, until they guess which one you are talking about

France	Italy	Belgium	Austria
Australia	Brazil	Russia	Netherlands
Turkey	Indonesia	Norway	Switzerland
Greece	Denmark	Argentina	Ireland
Iceland	Thailand	Portugal	Czech Republic
Philippines	Egypt	Vietnam	Croatia
Cuba	Burma	Malta	Wales
The UK	Georgia	Germany	Northern Ireland
Cologne	Munich	Bruges	Brussels
Florence	Geneva	Venice	Rome
Paris	Athens	Naples	Turin
Milan	Moscow	Beijing	The Hague
Prague	Seville	Kiev	Warsaw
Belgrade			

Useful language

I picture it as...

I'd imagine it's...

As far as I remember...

I think I once heard that...

Someone told me...

I saw this place on telly and...

If it's anything like... it must be...

Discussion questions

Which of the places above would you like to visit and why?

Are there any places above that you have never heard of or know nothing about? Why do you know more about other places, do you think?

How well do schools in your country teach you about other countries, for example in geography classes?

How good is your geographical knowledge, do you think?