

**Brainstorming useful language for describing places FCE version
FCE Result Unit 2**

Brainstorm at least four words or expressions into each of the categories below.

Adjectives to describe places

Other positive words and expressions to describe places

Other negative words and expressions to describe places

Kinds of urban area (city etc)

Parts of a town

Types and uses of building

Places connected to water

Natural places/ Natural features/ Parts of the countryside

Types and parts of plants

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Suggested answers

Adjectives to describe places

amazing
attractive
awe-inspiring
beautiful
breath-taking
broad/ wide
busy
buzzing
captivating
challenging
congested
convenient
cosmopolitan
crowded
dangerous
delightful
depressing
deserted
desolate
disappointing
distinctive
dramatic
dull
enchancing
exceptional
exciting
exposed (to the elements)
famous
fantastic
forgettable
green
high-tech
historic
huge
iconic
impressive
infamous/ notorious
isolated
magnificent
manic
medium-sized
memorable
modern
natural
noisy

peaceful
picturesque
polluted
quaint
relaxing
remote
romantic
rural
safe
scenic
sheltered
slow-paced
stunning
tiny
traditional
unforgettable
unspoilt
urban
wild

Other positive words and expressions to describe places

facilities
peace and quiet
right in the middle of everything
rolling hills
scenery
sense of community
view

Other negative words and expressions to describe places

dense vegetation
far from civilisation
litter
traffic jam

Kinds of urban area (city etc)

capital (city)
commuter town/ satellite town
(small/ medium-sized/ large) town
new town
regional capital/ state capital/ county town
village/ hamlet

Parts of a town

(central) square
city centre/ town centre
financial district
historic centre
housing estates/ council estates
industrial estate
main street/ high street
outskirts

suburb(s)
pedestrianised area/ traffic-free zone
reclaimed land
residential area
rundown area/ slum
skyscraper district
surrounding area
shopping centre/ shopping mall
(street/ flea/ farmers'/ antiques/ traditional) market (area)

Types and uses of building

(ceremonial) gate
(detached/ semi-detached/ terraced/ traditional) house
(high rise) (block of) flats (= apartment block)/ condo(minium)
(log) cabin
(ski) chalet
(youth) hostel
amusement arcade
B&B (= bed and breakfast)
bungalow
castle/ fort
church/ chapel/ cathedral
cinema/ movie theater
convenience store/ corner shop
cottage
department store
mosque
office building
palace
parliament building/ senate building
serviced apartments
shrine
stately home/ manor house/ historic house
supermarket
superstore/ megastore
temple
villa
skyscraper
town hall/ city hall
embassy/ consulate
(indoor/ covered) market

Places connected to water

(manmade) canal
(sandy/ pebbly/ rocky) beach/ seaside
bay/ (natural) harbour
coast/ coastline
estuary
fountain
gulf

inland
island
lagoon
peninsular
pier/ jetty
pond/ lake/ reservoir
promenade/ esplanade
river/ stream
riverside/ riverbank/ canal-side
seawall
shore
waterfall
well

Natural places/ Natural features/ Parts of the countryside

(snow-capped) mountain/ mountain range/ peak

cape
cave
cliff
desert
farm
field
hill/ foothill/ slope
jungle
lagoon
meadow
national park
(sand) dune
plain
plateau
valley
wildlife reserve
wood/ forest/ woodland

Types and parts of plants

blossom
branch
bush/ hedge
cactus
cereal
crop
root vegetable
twig
weed