

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

Suggested answers

Many other answers are possible, so share anything you wrote which is not below.

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

Parts of a town

- city centre/ town centre
- financial district
- historic centre
- housing estates/ council estates
- industrial estate
- main street/ high street

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

Types and uses of building

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

Places connected to water

- bay/ (natural) harbour
- (sandy/ pebbly/ rocky) beach/ seaside
- (manmade) canal
- 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

- cape
- cave
- cliff
- desert
- farm
- field
- hill/ foothill/ slope
- jungle
- lagoon
- meadow
- (snow-capped) mountain/ mountain range/ peak
- 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