

How to write a description of a place

We can write a description of a special place, a building, a town, an area, a room, etc.

We can describe the appearance of the place, its atmosphere, things that happen there and why we like or dislike it.

Remember!

1 Structure

- In the first paragraph, explain where the place is and summarize reason for choosing it.
- In the next paragraph(s), give more information about the place both in general and in detail. Think about what you can see / smell / hear there. How does it make you feel?
- In the last paragraph, say why you / other people like / dislike it.

2 Content

- Give examples of the things / people you can find in this place.
- Explain why this place is interesting or important.
- Use a range of adjectives to describe size / appearance / atmosphere.

Useful language

Location: only ten minutes from where I live / very close to ... / in the town centre / on the south coast of ... / opposite / next to / near

Comparatives and superlatives: the best / most popular / most interesting / busier than ... / not as ... as ...

Giving reasons: What I like about ... is ... / The main reason I like ... is ... / because ...

Adjectives: huge / tiny / modern / traditional / peaceful / busy / crowded / interesting / historical

Nouns: architecture / design / layout / history / facilities / buildings

Recommending: This is a building every tourist should see. / I would recommend a visit to ... / If you're looking for a ..., don't miss ...

Model question

Describe an interesting place to visit in your town. Why do you like it?

Model answer

If you visit my town, you must go to the **Five Ways Hotel**. It's **in the centre** of the town and it is one of the oldest and most interesting buildings in the area. It is also **famous all over the country** for its restaurant, where they serve traditional food cooked in the original style.

The Five Ways is a **small** building, but you can't miss it. The walls are covered with **lovely** climbing plants and the **tiny** windows make the rooms quite **dark**. It feels very safe and secure! It **was built hundreds of years ago**, when people who were travelling to London **stopped here for food and rest**. It was very popular because of the five roads that met here.

Today, the small rooms have **newer** furniture and the kitchen has the **latest** equipment, but the walls are original and you can walk on the same floors as people did centuries ago.

For me, this is an amazing place. **I thoroughly recommend a visit** to anyone interested in history and good food.

**place
position**

reason for choice

adjectives

feelings

history

purpose

comparative / superlative

**opinion
recommendation**