

6 **ACTIVATE** Follow the steps in the writing guide.

WRITING GUIDE

A TASK

Write about a town or city you like.

B THINK AND PLAN

- 1 Where is the town / city? How big is it?
- 2 Is there a lot of tourism?
- 3 Why do you like the town / city?
- 4 What are your favourite places?
- 5 Are there any buses, trains or coaches from other places?

C WRITE

Paragraph 1: Location

... is a town / city in ...

Paragraph 2: Good things

... is a great place. I like it because ...

Paragraph 3: Transport and other places

... is about ... kilometres from ...

D CHECK

- position of adjectives
- position of *very* and *really*
- *there is, there are*

1 ☆ Read the text. Tick ✓ the correct box.

Dan's ideal place is ...

- a London
- b The British Isles
- c Sark

A I'm from London, but I live on Sark, an island in the British Isles.

B London is a fantastic city; it's really big, with amazing buildings and luxury shops, but it's noisy. I'm not into cities - I prefer quieter places.

C Sark is tiny, 5.45 km², and its population is small too. There are only about 600 people on the island. There are some small shops and restaurants, one or two offices and one school. But the incredible thing is there are no cars!

D Sark is ideal for cycling, and it's a popular place for tourists. It's really pretty and there are a lot of animals.

E I'm interested in cycling and photography, not shopping or fast cars. That's why my home is here in Sark, not London. It's the perfect place for me.

2 ☆☆ Read the text again. Match topics 1-4 with paragraphs A-E.

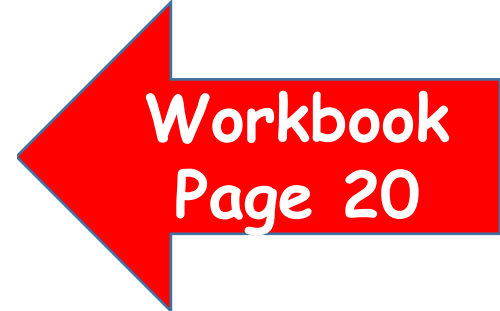
- About the island c
- 1 Why Dan likes Sark _____
 - 2 Why people are interested in visiting Sark _____
 - 3 Where Dan lives _____
 - 4 About London _____

3 ☆☆ Read the text again. Choose the correct answers.

Dan lives _____

- a in a city
- b on a small island**
- c on a big island

- 1 Sark has got a population of _____ people.
a 60 b 545 c 600
- 2 On Sark there aren't any _____
a shops b cars c restaurants
- 3 The island has got a _____
a school b tourist office c luxury shop
- 4 On Sark there are a lot of _____
a incredible buildings b animals c cities
- 5 The island is popular with _____
a boys b people from London c tourists
- 6 Dan _____ Sark.
a loves b quite likes c hates



Build your vocabulary

- 5 (★★) Look at the words in brackets. Then complete the text with the words in the box.

tiny fantastic fast incredible
enormous amazing luxury

Ruth has got a fantastic (very good) job. She's got an ¹ _____ (very big) office in the centre of London. Her office is bigger than my flat! It's in an ² _____ (very beautiful and big) building.

Ruth has got a ³ _____ (very expensive and beautiful) flat near the park and a new car – it's really ⁴ _____ (very quick)! It's an ⁵ _____ (very surprising) car. I love it! She's got a ⁶ _____ (very small) dog – his name is Benji.



- 4 (★★★) Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.

Where does Dan live?

He lives on Sark, an island in the British Isles.

- 1 Why does Dan think London is a good place to live?

- 2 Why doesn't Dan like living in cities?

- 3 How big is Sark?

- 4 What is special about Sark?

- 5 What do tourists like doing on Sark?

- 6 What is Dan interested in?

Language point: Position of adjectives

- 1 ★ Rewrite the sentences with the adjective in the correct place.

I've got a car. (expensive)

I've got an expensive car.

- 1 The Burj Khalifa is a building. (spectacular)

- 2 This is a train station. (very old)

- 3 There's a park near here. (pretty)

- 4 My school is next to some flats. (luxury)

- 5 There are some girls at my school. (really unfriendly)

- 6 Max has got a dog. (really noisy)

- 2 ★★ Order the words to make sentences.

dirty / I'm / bus station / a / in

I'm in a dirty bus station.

- 1 car / really / Jason / got / a / expensive / has

- 2 a lot of / my / there are / friendly / people / town / in

- 3 exciting / New York / really / is / city / a

- 4 modern / library / in / the / building / is / a

- 5 city / pretty / there / is / a / the / park / near / centre

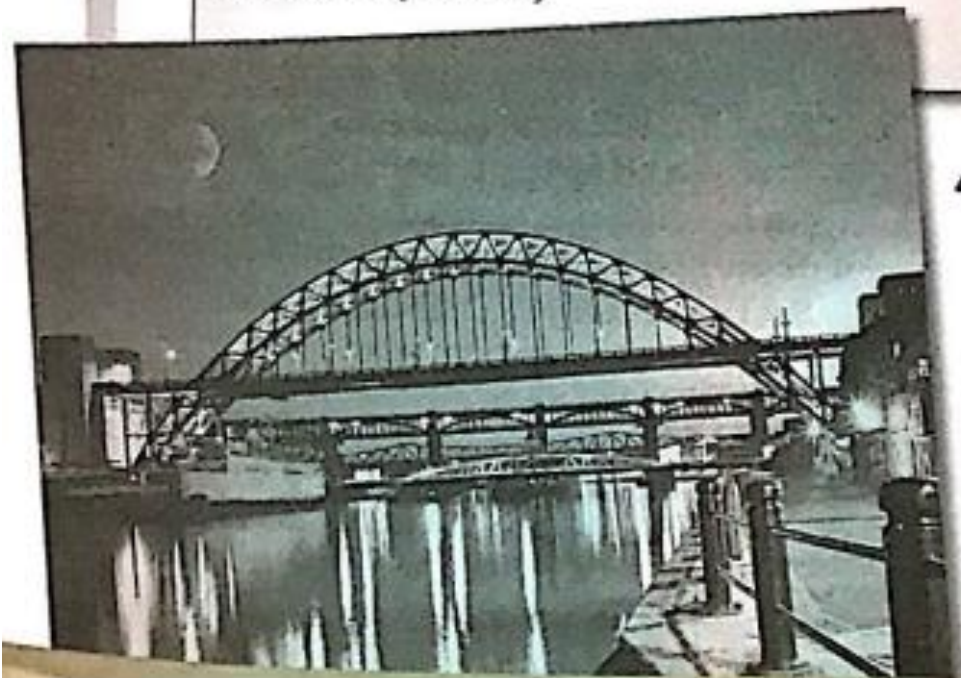
- 6 got / you've / really / a / flat / modern

3 **☆☆** Read Paul's information about Newcastle. Then complete the text.

Favourite city: Newcastle
 Location: north-east of England
 Distance from London: 400 kilometres
 Population: 280,000
 Facilities: parks, modern shopping centres
 Advantages: good for shopping
 Football team: Newcastle United
 City: really exciting
 People: very friendly

Hi, I'm Paul and my favourite city is
Newcastle. It's in the ¹ _____
 _____ and it's
² _____ from
 London. It's quite a big city and there are
³ _____
 people living there. There are ⁴ _____
 _____ and it's a great place
⁵ _____. Newcastle
 has got ⁶ _____
 - Newcastle United. I'm one of their fans!
 Newcastle is a ⁷ _____
 and the people are ⁸ _____.

4 **☆☆☆** Write a description of a city. Use the text in exercise 3 to help you.



VOCABULARY ■ Places in a town

1 Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 There's a good film at the c _____
- 2 This Italian r _____ is expensive!
- 3 There are a lot of books in this l _____
- 4 Ben loves tennis – he's at the s _____
c _____ now.
- 5 We haven't got any coffee. Please go to the
s _____ for me.
- 6 My father is at work. He's in one of those big
o _____
- 7 Where's your car? It's in the c ___ p _____
- 8 My mother is a doctor at the h _____
- 9 We haven't got a car – we go to the b ___
s _____ every day.
- 10 I'm a student at the High s _____ near here.

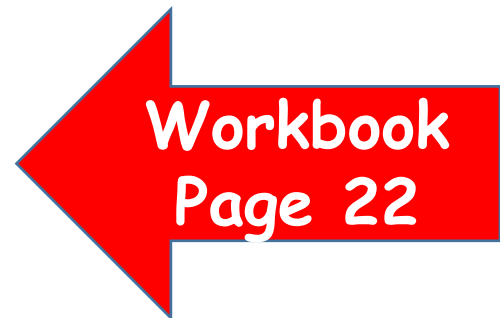
I can describe a town I know.

MY EVALUATION

READING ■ A description of a modern city

2 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 My favourite city is Tokyo. It's _____.
a luxury b amazing c tiny
- 2 The film stars are in a _____ hotel in
London. It's very expensive.
a enormous b incredible c luxury
- 3 Your new poster is really big. It's _____.
a enormous b tiny c fast
- 4 That book is very interesting. It's _____.
a luxury b fantastic c fast
- 5 Your dog is really small. It's _____.
a luxury b enormous c tiny
- 6 The trains are very _____. It's only 30
minutes to London from here.
a fast b enormous c tiny
- 7 The library has got 50,000 books – it's _____.
a luxury b incredible c fast



LANGUAGE FOCUS ■ *Is there ...?, Are there ...?*

3 Look at the table and write questions and short answers.

shops	three	libraries	two
schools	✓	hospital	✗
park	✗	internet café	✓

- How many _____? There are _____
- Are there _____? Yes, _____
- Is there _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

I can ask and answer questions about my ideal place to live.

MY EVALUATION

VOCABULARY AND LISTENING ■
Describing places

4 Complete the dialogues with the adjectives in the box.

old dangerous noisy unfriendly
clean ugly

- This park is quite dirty.
No, it isn't. It's really _____
- My city is very modern.
Well, my town is _____
- Cycling in this town is safe.
Safe! It's really _____
- The shopping centre is nice and quiet today.
No, it isn't! It's very _____
- That new art gallery is pretty.
No, it isn't. It's _____
- The people in the café are friendly.
But they're really _____ to me!

I can understand descriptions and describe where I live.

MY EVALUATION

LANGUAGE FOCUS ■ Comparative adjectives

5 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box. Use the comparative form.

dangerous long expensive tall
clean unfriendly pretty noisy

- 1 The Empire State Building is _____ than the Eiffel Tower.
- 2 The River Nile is _____ than the River Thames.
- 3 Is your town _____ than New York? No, it's really safe.
- 4 That plane ticket to Rome is 1,000 euros! It's _____ than the train.
- 5 This park is beautiful. It's _____ than the ugly park near my home.
- 6 The air in my town is _____ than the air in this city.
- 7 London is _____ than my village. My village is quiet!
- 8 The people in your town are _____ than the people in my town.

SPEAKING ■ Asking for travel information

6 Put the dialogue in the correct order. Number the sentences.

- a Adam Yes, please. I want to visit Edinburgh. How far is it from here?
- b Man Hello. Can I help you?
- c Adam OK. Thanks very much.
- d Man A return ticket is £50. The coaches are cheaper.
- e Adam How much is a return train ticket?
- f Man It's about 90 minutes from here on the train.



WRITING ■ A description of a town

7 Order the words to make sentences.

1 is / Bristol / exciting / city / very / a

2 west / of / it's / the / England / in

3 population / got / of / a / 500,000 / it's /

4 favourite / place / my / art gallery / is / the

5 are / great / there / shops / some

6 football / it's / two / teams / got

7 like / I / Bristol / it's / because / place /
friendly / a

8 kilometres / about / it's / 190 / London / from
