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

Brainstorming useful language for describing places 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

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

(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