

## Describing a place

### Description questions about places

For some EmSAT and Level 1 and 2 writing questions, you have to write an essay describing a *place*.

It may be a *building*, a *town or city*, or a *country*.

1. What is each question about? Complete the table with words from the box.

	a building	a country	a town or city
A	Write about a town you know very well.		
B	Write about a house you love.		
C	Write about a country you have visited.		

## Vocabulary for places

2. What can these words describe? Write the Arabic translation and B (*building*), T (*town or city*) or C (*country*). Some can be used for two or three.

	Arabic	B/C/T		Arabic	B/C/T
A	living room		L	river	
B	population		M	bedroom	
C	neighborhood		N	stylish	
D	city center		O	modern	
E	garden		P	traditional	
F	house		Q	beautiful	
G	large		R	capital	
H	detached		S	park	
I	floors		T	villa	
J	mountains		U	beaches	
K	dish		V	food	



## Describing a building



### Model essay: a house

In this essay, I am going to describe a house where I am happy. It is my house, and I have lived there for ten years. I chose my house to write about because I love it.

My house is in Mirdiff in Dubai, and it is twelve years old. I live there with my parents and my brother and sister. It is a detached villa, and it is large. It has three floors, two living rooms and four bedrooms. It has a swimming pool, and a small garden. It is modern, and very stylish. I like this house because it is light, with big windows, and the rooms are large. I always feel happy in my house.

In conclusion, I am very lucky to live in such a nice house. I hope that I will live there for ten more years.

(142 words)

### 3. Read the essay above and answer questions A – L.

- A. How long has the writer lived in the house?
- B. Is it small or big?
- C. How does the writer feel about the house?
- D. How many bedrooms does it have?
- E. Does it have a big garden?
- F. How old is the house?
- G. Is it traditional or modern?
- H. When does the writer want to leave the house?
- I. Are the rooms small?
- J. Where is the house?
- K. How many people live in the house?
- L. How many paragraphs are there?



## Describing a town or city



### 4. Read the model essay below and complete with words from the box.

<b>introduction</b>	city	is	describe	lived		
<b>paragraph 2</b>	are	is	famous	England	feel	million
<b>conclusion</b>	am	city	conclusion	live		

#### Model essay: a town or city

In this essay, I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ that I love. It is London, and I have \_\_\_\_\_ there all my life. I chose London to write about because it \_\_\_\_\_ amazing.

London is in \_\_\_\_\_, and it is 2000 years old. It is very big, with a population of about 9 million, and it has over 5 \_\_\_\_\_ visitors every year. It has many different neighborhoods, such as Knightsbridge, Chelsea and Hampstead. It has beautiful parks and a big river, the River Thames. The most \_\_\_\_\_ buildings \_\_\_\_\_ Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and London Bridge. It \_\_\_\_\_ a very exciting city. I like London because I \_\_\_\_\_ happy there.

In \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ very lucky to \_\_\_\_\_ in such a great \_\_\_\_\_ . I hope that I will always live there. (134 words)



## Describing a country



### 5. Read the model essay below and complete with words from the box.

<b>introduction</b>	visited	Spain	about	there		
<b>paragraph 2</b>	population	friendly	Europe	fish	cities	Spanish
<b>conclusion</b>	great	visit	will	future		

#### Model essay: a country

In this essay, I am going to describe a country that I \_\_\_\_\_. It is Spain, and I went \_\_\_\_\_ last year. I chose \_\_\_\_\_ to write \_\_\_\_\_ because it is beautiful.

Spain is in \_\_\_\_\_. It is very big, with a \_\_\_\_\_ of about 47 million, and it has millions of tourists every year. The capital is Madrid, and it has many other interesting \_\_\_\_\_, such as Barcelona and Valencia. Spain has beautiful beaches and mountains. \_\_\_\_\_ people love watching football and eating delicious food. A traditional dish is 'paella', which is made of rice and \_\_\_\_\_. Spain is a very interesting country. I love Spain because I had a great holiday there, and the people were very \_\_\_\_\_.

In conclusion, I was very lucky to \_\_\_\_\_ such a \_\_\_\_\_ country. I hope that I \_\_\_\_\_ return there in the \_\_\_\_\_. (140 words)

