

## VOCABULARY TO DESCRIBE PLACES AND PEOPLE

### PEOPLE:

Adventurous – Affectionate – Amazing – Artistic – Beautiful – Brave – Bright – Careful – Charming – Cheerful – Clumsy – Confident – Curious – Discreet – Dull – Independent – Energetic – Friendly – Generous – Intelligent – Kind – Lazy – Modest – Naïve – Normal – Old-fashioned – Passionate – Playful – Proud – Punctual – Positive – Quick – Reserved – Respected – Selfish – Silly – Sweet – Strong – Tired – Ugly – Weak – Open-minded – Close-minded – Easy-going – Friendly –

- Please, click this link for further vocabulary in context:

<https://www.esolcourses.com/content/exercises/grammar/adjectives/personality/more-words-for-describing-personality.html>

### 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  
enchanted  
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