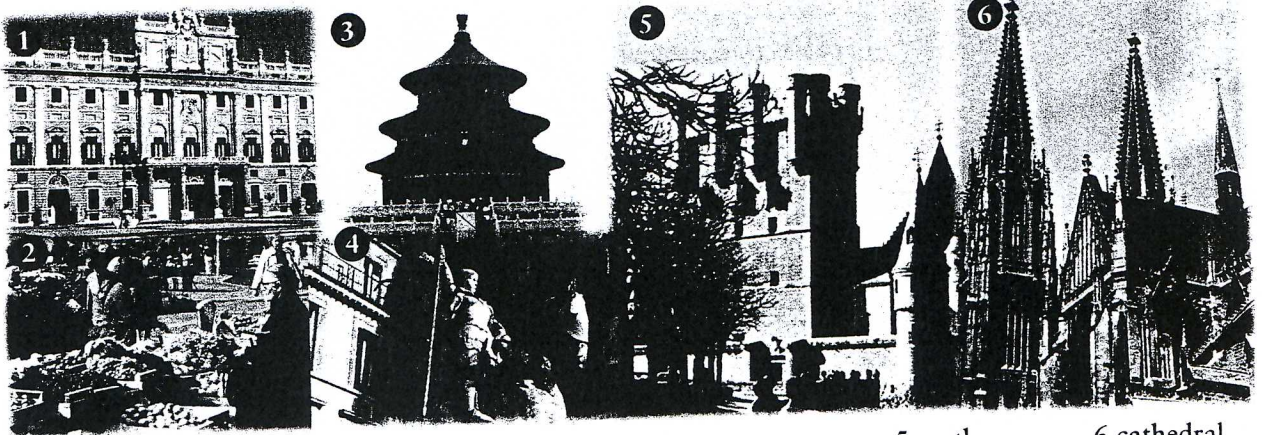


A Famous places



1 palace

2 market

3 temple

4 statue

5 castle

6 cathedral

Many people go on a sightseeing tour of a town (usually in a bus); they can also go on a tour of a castle, cathedral, etc. When you are sightseeing, it helps to buy a **guidebook** (= a book of information for tourists) and a **map** of the town you are visiting.

B Tourist activities

go sightseeing
 do a bit of/a lot of sightseeing
 have a look round (= visit somewhere casually)
 take pictures (= photos)
 spend money
 get lost (= lose one's way)
 have a great/nice/terrible time
 go out (= leave home/your hotel to go to a social event, e.g. restaurant or disco)

We went sightseeing almost every day.
 I didn't do a lot of sightseeing in Warsaw.
 We had a quick look round the shops.
 I wanted to have a look round the art galleries.
 I took hundreds of pictures on holiday.
 I spent lots of money – too much.
 We got lost almost every day in London.
 They had a lovely time in Venice.
 On holiday we went out every night.

C Describing 'places'

The word **place** can describe a building, an area, a town, or country:
 Bruges is a lovely **place** (= town) and we found a really nice **place** (= hotel) to stay.
 The town is full of interesting **places**. (= areas/buildings)

Venice is beautiful but it's always **packed** (= very crowded) **with** tourists.
 New York is very **cosmopolitan**. (= full of people from different countries and cultures)
 St Petersburg has lots of **historic monuments**. (= important places built a long time ago)
 Many beautiful cities are now very **touristy**. (= a negative word: 'too much tourism')

São Paolo is a really **lively** place (= full of life and activity) and the **nightlife** is fantastic.

To ask if it is 'a good idea' to visit a place, use **be worth + -ing** or **noun**.

A: If I go to Scotland, is it worth spending a few days in Edinburgh?
 B: Yes, definitely – and Glasgow is **worth** a visit as well.

Exercises

91.1 Complete this postcard. You may need a word or phrase in each space.

Hi everyone,
 I've been in Paris for over a week now and I'm having a great (1) In the first few days I did quite a lot of (2) - the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, and all the usual tourist attractions. Most places are absolutely (3) with tourists, so yesterday I decided to have a (4) round the shops.

Today I've been to a couple of interesting art (5) I got (6) on my way back to the hotel, but it didn't matter because I discovered a really fascinating

(7) with lots of little stalls, selling just about everything from apples to antiques.

I ate in the hotel the first night but usually I (8) for dinner - the restaurants are great and I can get a set meal for less than 2.5 euros. I'm afraid I've (9) a lot of money, but it's a great place. You'll be able to see for yourself when I get back - I've taken lots of (10)

I hope you're all well. I'll write again next week.

Love, Emma

91.2 Which of these places do you usually visit or go to when you are on holiday?

museums	art galleries	churches and cathedrals	tourist shops
concerts	discos/nightclubs	castles/palaces/temples	the cinema
markets	restaurants	bars	the theatre

91.3 Agree with the information in the questions without repeating the same words and phrases. Use words and phrases from the opposite page.

Example A: You've got quite a few pictures, haven't you?

B: Yes, I took lots of photos.

- 1 A: It's a fabulous city, isn't it?
B: Yes, it's a
- 2 A: There's a big mix of people in London, isn't there?
B: Yes, it's very
- 3 A: It was very crowded, wasn't it?
B: Yes, it was
- 4 A: There's a lot to do in the evenings, isn't there?
B: Yes, the is very good.
- 5 A: Did you enjoy yourselves?
B: Yes, we had a
- 6 A: Kyoto is a good place to go to, isn't it?
B: Yes, Kyoto is definitely

91.4 Think of a place in your country (a different place for each number) which is:

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 cosmopolitan | 4 famous for its historic monuments |
| 2 lively | 5 worth visiting |
| 3 very touristy | 6 not worth visiting |