

Writing Guide: Descriptions

When writing a description it's important to describe what the place looks like and its physical characteristics. It's also advisable to describe the atmosphere of the place and give recommendations of what to do there.

Model

- ◉ **Opening:** Give the name of the place and one or two details.

Last year, I went to Liverpool. Liverpool is located on the banks of the river Mersey, in the North West of England.

- ◉ **Body:** Describe the place in more detail and give examples of things you can see or do there.

If you go to Liverpool you shouldn't miss "The Casbah Coffee Club", where The Beatles started to play, or "The Cavern Club", where they became famous after coming back from Hamburg, in Germany. You should also (Chinatown / Cruise on river Mersey / Everton FC).

- ◉ **Conclusion:** You usually give your opinion about the place.

Liverpool is a fantastic city and a must for all music fans.

Useful Language

*It is located....
The scenery is....*

*I recommend
It offers....*

*You shouldn't miss....
.... is worth a visit / is worth seeing*

Tips

Use **adjectives** and **adverbs**.

Remember **adjectives** describe nouns; **adverbs of manner** describe verbs; **adverbs of degree** describe adjectives or other adverbs.

Adverbs of manner: *quickly, slowly, gently...*

Adverbs of degree: *really, fairly, very, slightly...*

Adjective Order

When there are several adjectives used together, this is usually the order:

OPINION ► SIZE, AGE OR COLOUR ► ORIGIN ► MATERIAL

It is a beautiful, spacious city
(opinion) (size)

A beautiful, tall, French woman
(opinion) (size) (origin)

Now, do exercises 3 and 4, page 65 textbook.

Essay: Write a description of your town / a place you really enjoyed visiting (25-50 words).