

Writing: describing a place

Paragraphs:

Fascinating Lisbon

Lisbon, one of the oldest capitals in Europe, is situated on the west coast of Portugal. Its rich history, colourful traditions and more modern attractions make it a fascinating city.

Anyone lucky enough to visit Lisbon will find plenty to see and do. For a start, the magnificent Castle of Saint George is a must. The castle, which is built on a hill, offers a fantastic view over the city. Directly below is Alfama, the oldest part of Lisbon. Visitors can walk along its narrow streets where they can see fish sellers carrying baskets on their heads. In Belém, the city's port, tourists can visit the Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, a beautiful monastery built in the 16th century. Baixa, the busy shopping area of the city, offers a great variety of handmade souvenirs and elegant designer clothes.

Lisbon's nightlife is exciting and varied. Visitors can have a coffee in Bairro Alto, the ancient part of the city, where fado - traditional Portuguese music - fills the air with its sad, romantic sounds. They can also enjoy delicious seafood at first-class restaurants. For those who like to dance the night away, there are many trendy clubs in the area.

Lisbon is a wonderful city. If you want to experience the beauty and fascination of a great European capital, it would be the perfect holiday destination for you.

Introduction:

Write the name, location and the reason for choosing the place (holiday, business)

Main body:

Write about surroundings, sights to see, things to do - from general features to details. You can suggest senses (sight, hearing, smell, touch, taste), mood and atmosphere.

Write about entertainment (cinemas, theatres, museums, funfairs, parks), nightlife (cafés, pubs, bistros, discos), eating out (clubs, restaurants, etc.)

Conclusion:

Make general comments, feelings and/or recommend the place to visitors (highly recommended, expensive, boring etc.)



General tips:

- We normally use present tenses in this type of writing.
- Use the narrative style
- Don't use short forms

Adjectives that make the writing more interesting:

wonderful, amusing, magnificent, horrible, huge, tiny, fantastic, enormous, entertaining, splendid, awful, charming, delicious, beautiful, fascinating, exciting, delightful, great, interesting, excellent, boring, impressive, neglected, peaceful, quiet, noisy, elegant, dirty, busy

nice/good: _____

bad: _____

big: _____

small: _____

fun: _____

Useful phrases:

...is a city of...

...is situated on/next to...

...is surrounded by...

...stands...

...which attracts...tourists every year.

...can be clearly seen from...

...you can see (the variety of architectural styles)...

Further up/down the street...

...built in...

The reason that...is that...

So, ...is a ... place with... people and scenery.

.....is an ideal place for those who...

...used to be..

... in addition to this...

You can enjoy...

The landscape in which it stands is...

In contrast...

...is definitely worth visiting.

There is/are also...

The reason that...is that...

What you notice is...

Also, anyone would like...

You will find...examples of...and a number of...

...is the oldest part of the city.

You can end your day by...

All in all, it's a ... city.

One thing that makes... unique among... is...

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