**TOPIC 2 – PLACES**

**Structure for places**

**Intro:**

Off the top of my head, I would like to talk about NÓI NƠI CHỐN

**When: Occasion**

**If my memory serves me well, I usually go there every time when I** go with my friends.

**To the best of my recollection, I would go there whenever I** have free time.

**To describe location:**

Regarding to location, It is located in …

Regarding to location, It is situated in nơi chốn with đặc điểm cụ thể

You can easily find the place at …

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| The building **is located in** the city square near the famous …  This supermarket **is situated** **in a very interesting neighborhood** with lots of trees around.  Regarding to location, you can easily find the place **at the corner of** … |

**To describe a place’s atmosphere**

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| It’s **historic but modern** at the same time.  It has a **pleasant/ peaceful/ calm/ serene** atmosphere.  It’s a big city but it **has the feel of a small town**.  I love the **relaxing/ soothing** ambience of that place. | It helps me refresh my mind  It is the place I go to find **peace of mind.** |

**To describe a place’s feature**

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| **Modern place** | |
| Flat/ house/ building | The **interior design** of my dream house must **be very pleasing to the eye**. |
| City | HCMC is a busy, **bustling** city. A city **that never sleeps** |
| Suburbs | The **ample space** and **slower pace of life** in the suburbs give me **a great escape from** my busy life. |
| Foreign Country | America is a vast **melting pot**. People come here **from four corners of the world.**  Singapore is a small country **with a contemporary, modern feel**…  Athens is an **ancient city**, which was established thousands of years ago. |
| **Tourist attraction** | |
| Forest/ river/ lake | I believe this place is suitable for those who yearn to **escape the crowd**, **wander off the beaten track** and **get back to nature.** |
| Garden/ park | My dream garden will be very **picturesque** with a large fish pond and a variety of **flowers and greenery**…  This place is very **touristy**, tourists descend in busloads. |
| Restaurant/ Coffee shop/ Shop … | The new restaurant **has an opulent/ luxurious surrounding** **and the service is impeccable/ perfect…** |
| Museum | The building **looked striking** while there were **collections of different ages.**  The museum **was filled with fantastic artifacts**.  I was taken aback by **the splendid and memorable way** it has decorated its entrance, **a unique design** for a museum…  Anyone will find so many reasons to like this museum and I adored it specifically for its **outstanding design, use of technology and unique collections**  Visiting this museum was like **witnessing the past** and I felt like I had been **time travelling to the past.** |

**To describe a place’s activities**

There we **have all the facilities you need** … good public transport … a good shopping centre …

There are always a lot of things **going on/ happening at that place.** 🡪 miêu tả what you did/ do.

The place is **vibrant with fun activities**. 🡪 miêu tả what you did/ do.

The place was **lively and full of fun**. 🡪 miêu tả what you did/ do.

There are **endless things to see and do.** 🡪 miêu tả what you did/ do.

Kết ý what you did. 🡪 What I mean is that it is the place I go to when I’m **feeling down in the dumps**

Kết ý what you did. 🡪 I usually go there to **let my hair down**

**To describe a place’s famous things**

It **is the home to** + N-phrase

It **houses …**

It **boasts …**

… **is the biggest attraction for** visitors seeking something **out of the ordinary**

* In conclusion, the ambience of the café is the biggest attraction for visitors

… **is famous for** its history, culture, art, museums. Tourists go there to see ….

…. has helped to **put the city on the map**.

* In conclusion, all of the things I mentioned above has helped to put the **café** on the map.

Example:

Bac Ninh is home to a famous Vietnamese folk song.

Ho Chi Minh city boasts 300 days of sunshine a year

The War Remnants Museum houses more than 1000 historic objects.

**1 Describe a park or garden you visited and liked. You should say:**

Where it was

What it looked like

What you did there

And explain why you liked it there.

**2 Describe a place you know where people go to listen to music (such as a theatre or a music hall). You should say:**

Where it is

What kind of music is performed there.

What type of people go there

Why people go there

How you know this

And explain your impressions of this place.

**3 Describe a city or country you want to live/ work the most in the future. You should say:**

What it is

Where it is located

Why you like it.