

- 1 Work in pairs. Look at the adjectives for describing places. Divide them into two groups: positive and negative. Which adjectives could go in either group, depending on your opinion?

Adjectives for describing places

affluent bustling cosmopolitan crowded deprived
desolate high-rise hilly historic industrial isolated
picturesque remote rundown sprawling thriving
touristy vibrant well-connected

- 2 **SPEAKING** Compare and contrast the two photos using adjectives from exercise 1. Answer questions 1–4 below.



- Which place would you prefer to visit? Give reasons.
- Which place would you prefer to live in? Give reasons.
- What do you imagine would be the advantages and disadvantages of living somewhere isolated?
- What do you imagine would be the advantages and disadvantages of living somewhere touristy?

STUDY TIP

A dictionary entry will often include information about prepositions that go with that word. Try to learn the word and the preposition together as a phrase. Make a note of them as you come across them. Writing an example sentence can help to fix it in your memory.

- 3 Read the *Study tip*. Then complete this sentence using information from the dictionary entry below.

Cheltenham benefits _____ excellent transport connections.

benefit 0-ɪ /ˈbenɪfɪt/ noun, verb

• **verb** (-t- or -it-) 1 [VN] to be useful to sb or improve their life in some way: *We should spend the money on something that will benefit everyone.*

2 [V] ~ (from/by sth) to be in a better position because of sth: better position because of sth: *Who exactly stands to benefit from these changes?*

- 4 Find expressions 1–12 in the article on page 34 and write the missing preposition.

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| 1 renowned _____ | 7 a stone's throw _____ |
| 2 rich _____ | 8 teeming _____ |
| 3 reminiscent _____ | 9 thanks _____ |
| 4 lined _____ | 10 well provided _____ |
| 5 to date back _____ | 11 to cater _____ |
| 6 ideally placed _____ | 12 spoilt _____ choice |

- 5 Complete these expressions with a preposition. Use a dictionary.

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| 1 buzzing with _____ | 5 to be home _____ |
| 2 to play host _____ | 6 blessed _____ |
| 3 steeped _____ | 7 to date _____ |
| 4 to hark back _____ | 8 to take pride _____ |

- 6 Complete the sentences with expressions from exercise 5.

- a Cheltenham is ¹ _____ to the world-famous Cheltenham racetrack. Every March, the racetrack ² _____ to the annual Cheltenham Festival, which ³ _____ to 1902.
- b The residents of Burford ⁴ _____ in their town, which is ⁵ _____ in history. The Bay Tree Hotel, which ⁶ _____ from the sixteenth century, maintains many original features such as stone floors and open fireplaces.

- 7 Read the task below. In pairs, choose the two towns you are going to write about and make notes. Use the topics in exercise 2 on page 34 for ideas.

Write an article for an in-flight magazine extolling the virtues of two contrasting towns in your region.

- 8 Work in pairs. Write your article (200–250 words).

- Use your notes to write about one town each. Try to go beyond basic vocabulary.
- Swap your work and make suggestions for improving your partner's writing.
- Work together to write the introduction.

- 9 Check your work using the list below.

CHECK YOUR WORK

Have you:

- ☐ mentioned a range of attractive features for each town?
- ☐ written the correct number of words?
- ☐ gone beyond basic vocabulary?
- ☐ used the correct prepositions?
- ☐ checked the spelling and grammar?