

10 Describe a Place (page 125)

Layout

Paragraph 1

Introduce the place and give a bit of background, e.g. what it is (e.g. castle/football stadium/a place of natural interest); where it is; when it was built (or set up); its size and what it looks like

Niagara Falls is without doubt one of the most impressive places I have ever been to. It was developed as a tourist resort in ...

Paragraph 2

Describe what there is to see and do in the place.

There is plenty to do in Niagara on both the American and Canadian sides of the border. The views of the falls are absolutely fantastic and as well as that, ...

Paragraph 3

Describe the surroundings and what to do there.

Around the town there are lots of places to visit. There are several theme parks in the area plus museums which show ...

Paragraph 4

Sum up why you like the place.

I think Niagara impressed me so much because of the scale of the falls themselves and the number of activities round them.

Useful Vocabulary

Opinion adjectives: *austere, beautiful, breathtaking, charming, dramatic, grand, historic, impressive, magnificent, monumental, spectacular*

Descriptive adjectives: *bare, glass, granite, huge, stone, tiny, ornamental, wooded*

Buildings: *entrance, dome, facade (front), fountain, roof, ruins, stairway, tower*

Nature: *forest, glacier, hill, lake, pond, waterfall, wood*

Expressions: *Without doubt, it is the most important ..., What strikes you (about it) is the ..., ... is well worth visiting, ... is surrounded by ..., ... impressed me so much because of ...*

Linking

To list ideas:

It is extremely large. In fact, it is the biggest church in Spain.

To compare ideas:

It is very crowded in August. In contrast, in February there is hardly anyone ...

Checking

Style: Have you followed the paragraph plans?

Vocabulary: How many opinion or descriptive adjectives have you used? Can you add more?

Spelling: Use the Mini-dictionary to check the spelling of the words you are not sure about.