



Places in the town

A reading and writing
workbook for adults



About this workbook

This 'Places in the town' workbook is for adults who want to improve or practise their reading and writing skills. The workbook was developed for literacy learners and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learners at Levels 1 to 2.

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Using this workbook

Welcome to this workbook called 'Places in the town'. In this workbook you can learn words about places in the town and how to use them in sentences. The exercises will help you practise your reading, writing and spelling skills.

You can use the workbook on your own or with the support of your tutor.

We use these symbols to guide you through using this workbook.



Write



Read



Look



Talk



Listen

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New words



Listen to your tutor say the words on pages 5-9.



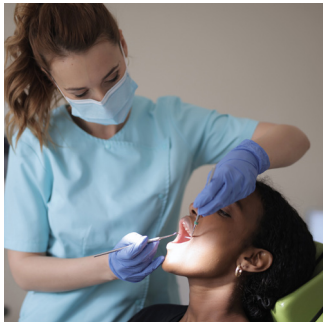



Say the words.

| Word | Picture |
|-------------|---|
| park |  |
| gym |  |
| library |  |
| supermarket |  |

| Word | Picture |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <p>recycling bin</p> |  |
| <p>school</p> |  |
| <p>bank</p> |  |
| <p>post office</p> |  |
| <p>bakery</p> |  |

| Word | Picture |
|----------------------|---|
| butcher |  |
| café |  |
| restaurant |  |
| local shop |  |
| swimming pool |  |

| Word | Picture |
|------------------------|---|
| <p>florist</p> |  |
| <p>barber</p> |  |
| <p>pharmacy</p> |  |
| <p>dentist</p> |  |
| <p>money</p> |  |

| Word | Picture |
|------------------------------|---|
| <p>doctor</p> |  |
| <p>bus stop</p> |  |
| <p>playground</p> |  |
| <p>petrol station</p> |  |
| <p>take-away</p> |  |

Word beats



Listen to your tutor say the words.



Repeat the words and clap out the beats.

| • (1 beat) | • • (2 beats) | • • • (3 beats) |
|---|--|--|
| <p>shop</p>  | <p>dentist (den-tist)</p>  | <p>medicine (med-i-cine)</p>  |
| <p>fish</p>  | <p>café (caf-é)</p>  | <p>pharmacy (phar-ma-cy)</p>  |
| <p>park</p>  | <p>money (mon-ey)</p>  | <p>restaurant (res-tau-rant)</p>  |

How many word beats?



Listen to your tutor say the words.


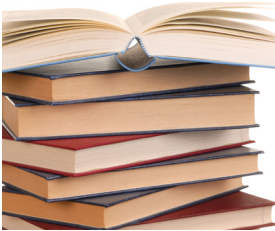





Repeat the words and clap out the beats.



Put a tick ✓ under the correct number of beats for each word.

| word | • (1 beat) | • • (2 beats) | • • • (3 beats) |
|---|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| dentist  | | | |
| pharmacy  | | | |
| shop  | | | |
| money  | | | |

| word | • (1 beat) | • • (2 beats) | • • • (3 beats) |
|--|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| florist  | | | |
| books  | | | |
| fish  | | | |
| gym  | | | |
| butcher  | | | |

Words and pictures



Write the correct word under each picture.



Cover the picture and say the word.

park

bank

florist

gym

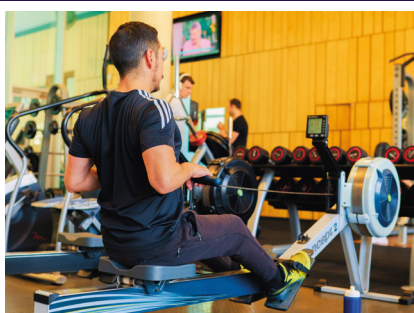
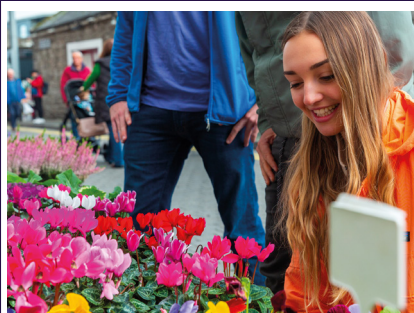
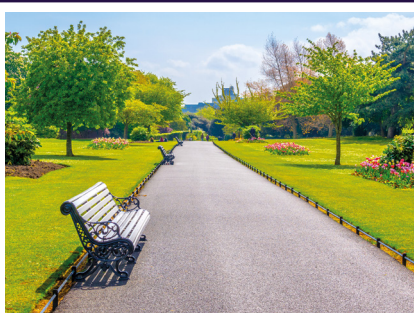
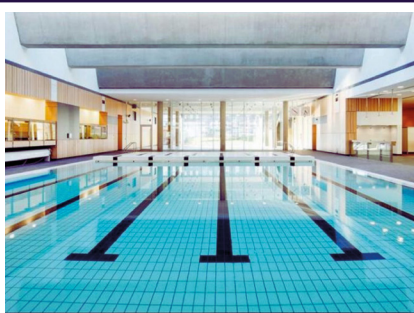
post office



butcher

library

bakery

swimming pool



| | | |
|---|---|---|
| <p>pharmacy</p> <p>petrol station</p> <p>doctor</p> | <p>dentist</p> <p>recycling bin</p> <p>take-away</p> | <p>school</p> <p>café</p> <p>barber</p> |
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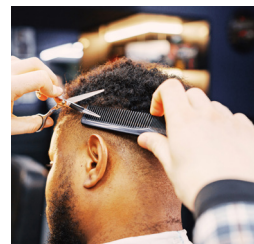
Missing words



Write in the missing words to complete the sentences.

Use the pictures to help you.

I get a haircut at the _____ .



I put paper in the _____ .



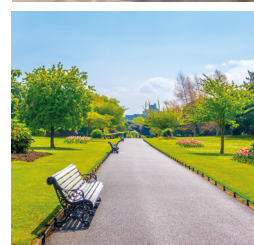
I go to the _____ with my children.



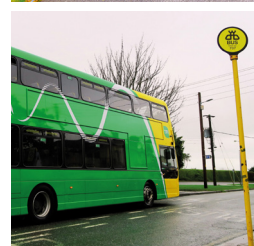
I get medicine from the _____ .



I like to relax in the _____ on Sunday.



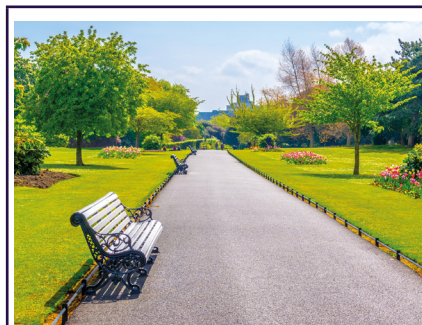
I wait for the bus at the _____ .



Missing letters



Fill in the missing letters to complete the words.



__ __ rk



__ __ orist



__ __ brary



__ __ nk



__ __ st office



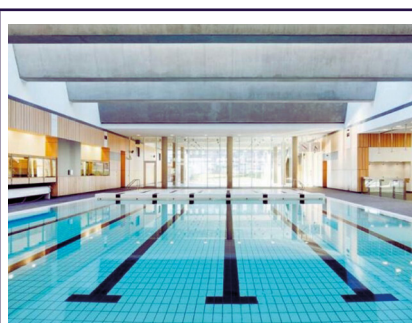
__ __ kery



__ __ staurant



__ __ cal shop



__ __ imming
pool

| | | |
|---|---|---|
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| __ __ armacy | __ __ tcher | __ __ hool |
|  |  |  |
| __ __ ctor | __ __ s stop | __ __ ayground |
|  |  |  |
| __ __ cycling bin | __ __ fé | __ __ rber |

Finish the sentence



Match the start of the sentences in the pink list with the end of the sentences in the orange list. The first one is done for you.

| Start of the sentence | End of the sentence |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| I get a haircut | to the playground. |
| I put paper | at the bus stop. |
| I bring my children | from the pharmacy. |
| I like to relax | in the park on Sunday. |
| I wait for the bus | at the barber. |
| I get medicine | in the recycling bin. |

| Start of sentence | End of sentence |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| I borrow books | at the swimming pool. |
| I order pizza | in the bank. |
| I get meat | at the restaurant. |
| I put my money | from the library. |
| I go swimming | from the take-away. |
| I like to eat fish | from the butcher. |

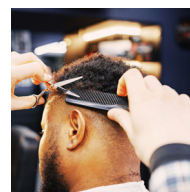
Sentence order



Write the sentences in the correct word order. The first one is done for you.

at the / I / a haircut / barbers / get

I get a haircut at the barbers.



recycling bin / paper / I / put / in the



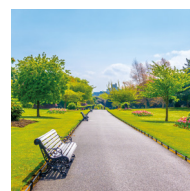
go to / I / children / the playground / with my



the pharmacy / medicine / get / I / from



on Sunday / to relax / I / in the park / like



bus stop / wait / for the / I / bus / at the



Matching words and places

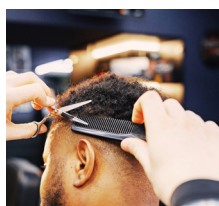


Look at the words and pictures. Look at the table of places.



Write a word that goes with each place in the table. The first one is done for you.

haircut



children



money



books



bus



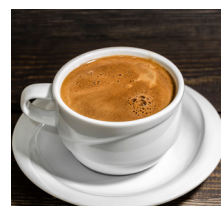
teeth



medicine



coffee



| Place | Word |
|------------|---------|
| dentist | |
| library | |
| café | |
| barber | haircut |
| pharmacy | |
| bus stop | |
| bank | |
| playground | |

Thomas goes to town



Listen to your tutor read the text and read along.

Thomas goes to the town centre every Saturday.
Thomas likes to do some shopping on Saturdays.



He waits at the bus stop for the bus.
The bus takes him to the town centre.



He takes some money out of the bank.



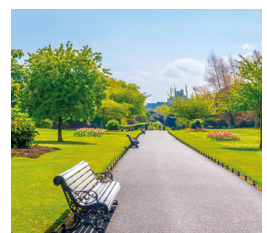
He buys some bread and a cake at the bakery.
He buys some chicken and beef from the butcher.
He buys some milk, butter, cheese and eggs at
the supermarket.



He gets a cup of coffee from the café.
He buys some flowers for his grandmother at the
florist.



Thomas is tired after walking around the town.
He sits down in the park to relax.
Thomas goes home by bus.



Fill Thomas's day in town



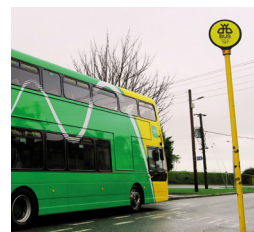
Write in the missing words to complete the sentences.

Use the text on page 22 to help you.

Thomas goes to the _____ centre every Saturday.



Thomas likes to do some _____ on Saturdays.



He waits at the bus stop for the _____.

The bus takes him to the town _____.



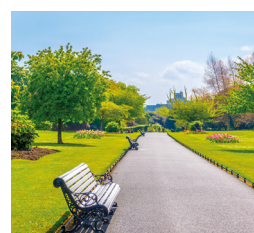
He takes some _____ out of the bank.



He buys some bread and a _____ at the bakery.



He buys some _____ and beef from the butcher.



True or False for Thomas



Mark the sentences that are True with ✓ and the sentences that are False with X.

Use the text on page 22 to help you. The first one is done for you.

| Sentence | True ✓ or False X |
|--|-------------------|
| Thomas goes to the town centre every Sunday. | X |
| He waits at the bus stop. | |
| He takes a taxi to the town centre. | |
| He takes some money out of the bank. | |
| He buys some bread at the bakery. | |
| He buys some lamb from the butcher. | |
| He buys some milk and cheese at the supermarket. | |
| He gets a cup of tea from the café. | |

About Thomas's day



Answer the questions below. Use the text on page 22 to help you.

Where does Thomas go every Saturday?

Thomas goes

What does Thomas like to do on Saturdays?

Thomas likes

Where does he wait for the bus?

He waits

What does Thomas take out of the bank?

He takes

Who does he buy flowers for?

He buys

How does Thomas travel home?

Thomas goes home

What do you do in the town?



Listen to your tutor read out the questions.



Write your answers as **Yes, I do** or **No, I do not** in the boxes.

Do you...?

Yes, I do.

No, I do not.

| Question | Your answer |
|--|-------------|
| Do you go to the town centre on Saturdays? | |
| Do you go shopping on Saturdays? | |
| Do you take the bus? | |
| Do you go to the library? | |
| Do you go to the supermarket? | |
| Do you go to the gym? | |
| Do you eat in a restaurant? | |
| Do you relax in the park? | |
| Do you go to the swimming pool? | |

Around your town



Write your answers to the questions below.

What 3 things do you often buy at the supermarket?

1.

2.

3.

What do you like to drink in a café?

What is your favourite shop?

Notes

[illegible]

Notes

[illegible]

Notes

[illegible]

Notes

[illegible]

Notes

[illegible]

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