



Ex.1 Underline the most suitable word in each sentence.

- We arranged to meet in the centre of town in the main *place/square*.
- A Their cottage is in the heart of some beautiful *country/countryside*.
- The children spent all day playing on the sandy *beach/seaside*.
- I dropped my ice-cream on the *earth/ground*, so I couldn't eat it.
- This *footpath/pavement* leads across the fields to the village.
- There was a wonderful *scenery/view* from my hotel room.
- You can't stop here. *Car-park/Parking* is not allowed in this street.
- Helen decided to leave the *country/land* and work abroad.

Ex.2 Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

Block centre crossing hall junction part place station traffic zone

- The police officer asked me to come with him to the police _____.
- When you reach the road _____ turn right.
- The mayor's office is in the town _____.
- Margaret lives on the top floor of a _____ of flats.
- Cars have to stop for you if you use a pedestrian _____.
- Which _____ of town do you live in?
- You can buy fresh fish in the market _____ every Friday.
- Take the first turning on the left after the next set of _____ lights.
- The centre of town is now a traffic free _____ and cars are banned.
- A new shopping _____ has been opened on the edge of the town.

Ex.3 Complete each compound noun with a word from the box

about bridge ground path park roads side skirts

- Our children spend a lot of time having fun at the local play _____.

- b) When you reach the cross _____, take the road to Linton.
- c) You have to turn left when you reach the next round _____.
- d) We can't leave the car here. We'll have to look for a car _____.
- e) Follow this foot _____ until you reach the main road.
- f) There was an old woman selling fruit at the road _____.
- g) Paula lives on the out _____ of the town, where the countryside begins.
- h) You can cross the railway line by walking over a foot _____.

Ex.4 Replace the words in italics with one of the words from the box

capital crowded international isolated local neighboring rural urban

1. It's much healthier to live in a *country* area, far away from the city. _____
2. She has just moved to a *nearby* town. _____
3. We lived in the middle of nowhere in an *out of the way* cottage. _____
4. Paris is the *most important city* of France. _____
5. There is not a lot of *world* news in this newspaper. _____
6. I do my shopping at the *neighbourhood* shops, not in the town centre. _____
7. At weekends the town centre is always *full of people*. _____
8. There is far too much pollution nowadays in *city* areas. _____



Ex. 5. Look at this description of Cork, one of Ireland's main towns. Pay attention to underlined words or phrases that might be useful for describing your own or any other town.

Cork city is the major metropolis of the south; indeed with a population of about 135,000 it is the second largest city in the Republic. The main business and shopping centre of the town lies on the island created by two channels of the River Lee, with most places within walking distance of the centre. (The buses tend to be overcrowded and the one-way traffic system is fiendishly complicated.) In the hilly area

of the city is the famous Shandon Steeple, the bell-tower of St Anne's Church, built on the site of a church destroyed when the city was besieged by the Duke of Marlborough. Back across the River Lee lies the city's cathedral, an imposing 19th century building in the French Gothic style. Cork has two markets. Neither caters specifically for tourists but those who enjoy the atmosphere of a real working market will appreciate their charm. The Crawford Art Gallery is well worth a visit. It regularly mounts adventurous exhibitions by contemporary artists. The fashionable residential districts of Cork city overlook the harbour. There are other residential areas on the outskirts.

Check that you understand the text about Cork by answering the following questions.

- 1 Where is Cork?
- 2 Where is the shopping and business centre of Cork?
- 3 What is Cork's traffic system like?
- 4 What is special about the site of St Anne's Church?
- 5 In what style is the architecture of Cork Cathedral?
- 6 Can you buy souvenirs at the markets? 7 Is the Crawford Gallery worth visiting and why?
- 8 Where do Cork people live?

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