

## Sample Description

Here is the description of a town where you might live. This will be an industrial town, maybe in the North of England, it is not very pretty but it does have its own character: and you have always lived there; it's where your friends live too.

### My Town

My town is big and black and rather ugly. The houses are mostly terraced of red brick, and they wind over the hills from the river. There used to be a lot of industry, but these days the industry, coal and steel making, has mostly closed. Instead of the factories, there are smart shopping malls and walkways, and my friends and me we like to meet there, especially on a Saturday so we can have a coffee in one of the snack bars.

I have always lived here. I went first to the little school not so far from our home (it's still there) and when I was eleven they sent me to the Comprehensive on the other side of town. To get there we had to catch the bus, and that was fun. We used to play around quite a bit on the bus, me and my pals. I liked school. History was my best subject and football my best sport. I still go to the stadium to support our team; it's a great atmosphere there, and no messing either, well, not often!

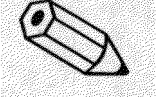
Now I work in the area hypermarket. It's vast, just out of town, and open day and night, it's one of those enormous stores that seem to have a life of their own. You can literally buy anything there from food to Do-it-Yourself, and there's a petrol station outside too with its own brand of petrol. I am saving like mad now I've got my job as cashier, so I can get my own car, It will be my great day, to come in here, fill my car with petrol, and go round the shop with my trolley and load up with whatever I want. My friends will be green with envy!

### Structure

**The Beginning:** the description starts with a picture of how the town looks like, and how the Narrator spends his time there especially at weekends. It shows the changes in the town from the way it used to look, compared how it looks now, with smart modern shops instead of its previous industry.

**The Middle:** this develops what has been said about the Narrator in the first Paragraph: his past life and schools, and his interest in football. The purpose therefore of this Section is to build on the Reader's interest by means of what has been shown so far, and to make him anxious to go on to the next Paragraph.

**The End:** We hear more about the Narrator's life, this time when he has left school. You can see the pattern of the three Paragraphs; the Beginning related his far past life, the Middle a bit later, and this one is the most recent when he has actually left school.

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| <b>Activity 2</b>   | <b>My Town</b><br>Answer the following Questions on the Passage above:   |
|  | <p>a) Rewrite the first Paragraph giving a different Message by replacing the words written below in <b>bold</b>; the Key suggests an alternative version but yours may be just as good even if different; please consult your Tutor if necessary!</p> <p><b>My town is big and black and rather ugly. The houses are mostly terraced of red brick, and they wind over the hills from the river. There used to be a lot of industry, but these days the industry, coal and steel making, has mostly closed. Instead of the factories, There are smart shopping malls and walkways, and my friends and me we like to meet there, especially on a Saturday so we can have a coffee in one of the snack bars.</b></p> <p>b) Rewrite the second two Paragraphs in your own words in not more than 100 Words (use a separate sheet of paper).</p> |