

**Describe a Place**

Directions: Write a description of one of the places listed below. Do not reveal the name of your place or the specific names of physical features or human-made structures. For example, if you are describing Seattle, you could mention a large volcanic mountain exceeding 14,000 feet that is covered by many glaciers and large ice fields, but should not say "Mt. Rainier," or you could describe a tall thin tower with views of the city and a revolving restaurant on top, but should not say "Space Needle." In addition, you should not include the absolute or relative location of the place. Rather, describe the place as if the reader has just arrived from another planet. The terms "mountain" and "tower" are familiar concepts, but the specific names of each are not familiar so no point in including them. Your classmates (who are from this planet) will be guessing what place you chose based on your description, so follow the rules above. Be as thorough as possible without being too obvious.

Downtown Portland  
Oaks Park  
Mt. Hood  
Sunriver

Cannon Beach  
Seaside  
New York City  
Disneyland

San Francisco  
Washington Park  
Jerusalem  
Crater Lake

*Example: PARIS, FRANCE*

*This city is situated on a fairly narrow river and has two small islands. One can walk with ease across the historical bridges that cross the river. Not far from the river is a cathedral with dramatic towers, spires and stained glass. There is often a line out the door as people wait to walk up to the bell tower. The city is relatively flat but does have some small hills. On one there is a beautiful white church reached by many steps; it provides a beautiful view of the city. Also providing an exceptional view is the tallest building in this city—a iron tower which is lit up at night. The streets of this city are quite crowded and some are exceptionally old and narrow. There are restaurants with outdoor seating almost everywhere, a world renowned museum that is both old palace and new glass; historical buildings and statues are almost everywhere.*

Now it's your turn:

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*name of place (do not include this in your description below)*

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