Towns

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each town facility with its purpose.

1 library	____	a see paintings and exhibitions
2 art gallery	____	b get medical advice or treatment
3 sports centre	____	c borrow books and study
4 police station	____	d find an inexpensive place to stay
5 health centre	____	e wait for a taxi
6 taxi rank	____	f contact local government
7 youth hostel	____	g report a crime
8 town hall	____	h swim, exercise or play indoor sports

2 Complete the town expressions.

art | **bus** | **housing** | **open** | **police** | **shopping** | **sports** | **taxi**

1 the _____ centre

2 a reliable _____ service

3 an _____ gallery

4 a modern _____ centre

5 a _____ station

6 a _____ rank

7 a large _____ estate

8 several _____ spaces

3 Choose the correct word or phrase.

1 The streets are full of activity; the centre is *bustling* / *deserted*.

2 The old harbour is very pretty and attractive: *picturesque* / *filthy*.

3 This building has plenty of room; it is *spacious* / *packed*.

4 Nobody is outside at night; the area is *deserted* / *lively*.

5 The houses need repairs; the district is *run-down* / *elegant*.

6 The square is extremely crowded; it is *packed* / *historic*.

7 We live *within walking distance of* / *in walking distance to* school.

8 The museum is *well worth visiting* / *well worth to visit*.

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4 Complete the visitor guide with words from the box.

art gallery | bus service | centre | market | open spaces | outskirts | sports centre | youth hostel

Riverton has a compact town **1** _____ with a lively street **2** _____. The local **3** _____ holds exhibitions by young artists. There is a modern **4** _____ with a pool and tennis courts. Visitors on a budget can stay at the **5** _____. A frequent **6** _____ connects the centre to the **7** _____. Several parks provide useful **8** _____.

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A day in Bellford

Bellford is a small historic town beside a river. Its picturesque centre has a market, a museum and an elegant town hall. The shopping streets are lively in the morning but become quiet after six. Most residents live in housing estates on the outskirts. Buses run every twenty minutes, although traffic is slow during the rush hour. A new riverside park is within walking distance of the centre.

1 Bellford is beside the sea. T / F

2 The centre contains a market. T / F

3 The shopping streets stay lively all night. T / F

4 Many residents live outside the centre. T / F

5 Buses run once an hour. T / F

6 The riverside park is easy to reach on foot. T / F

6 Rewrite using the word in capitals.

1 The centre is full of movement and people. **BUSTLING** _____

2 The old quarter is attractive and pretty. **PICTURESQUE** _____

3 We can walk to the library easily. **DISTANCE** _____

4 The neighbourhood is in very poor condition. **RUN-DOWN** _____

OVER TO YOU

Write **70-90 words** describing a town you know or an imaginary town. Mention its centre, two facilities, transport, housing and the general atmosphere.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use there is/are accurately. [ ] Include both positive and negative details.

ANSWER KEY

1 Town facilities

1 **c** 2 **a** 3 **h** 4 **g** 5 **b** 6 **e** 7 **d** 8 **f**

2 Town expressions

1 **shopping** 2 **bus** 3 **art** 4 **sports** 5 **police** 6 **taxi** 7 **housing** 8 **open**

3 Correct choices

1 **bustling** 2 **picturesque** 3 **spacious** 4 **deserted**
5 **run-down** 6 **packed** 7 **within walking distance of** 8 **well worth visiting**

4 Visitor guide

1 **centre** 2 **market** 3 **art gallery** 4 **sports centre** 5 **youth hostel** 6 **bus service** 7 **outskirts** 8 **open spaces**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 **F** - It is beside a river.
2 **T**
3 **F** - They become quiet after six.
4 **T**
5 **F** - Every twenty minutes.
6 **T**

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 The centre is **bustling**. 2 The old quarter is **picturesque**. 3 The library is within walking **distance**. 4 The neighbourhood is **run-down**.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check facility vocabulary, location phrases and a balanced description.