

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Video Series

Vox Pop: Places

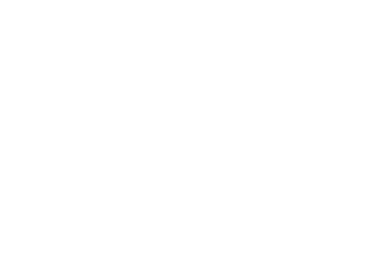
Before watching

1. Match the photos to the places in the box.

Hong Kong India Italy Perú New Zealand The UK



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

While watching

2. Watch the video and circle the correct answer.

1. I live in a suburb in North London and the thing I **like** / **don't like** is that all the houses look the same.
2. I **don't really like** / **really like** the fact that it's peaceful, quiet, tranquil.
3. **However** / **Although**, it can get a little bit boring sometimes.
4. **The more amazing** / **The most amazing** thing about Victoria Falls is the size of the waterfall.
5. I went to Poland once and I **liked** / **didn't like** it very much. The weather was cold, wet, and windy.
6. I don't like big cities because I don't like crowded places. I **much prefer** / **prefer a lot** the countryside because it's quiet and peaceful.

3. Look at the words below. Underline the silent letter in each.

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| 1. answer | 4. foreign |
| 2. autumn | 5. listen |
| 3. building | 6. wrong |

PRONUNCIATION

Silent letters

About 60% of words in English have a silent letter in them. For example, we don't pronounce the letter *s* in the word *island* (/ 'aɪlənd/).

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4. Watch the video again. Which places does each speaker mention?

1. Amy: _____
2. Katie: _____
3. Matthew: _____
4. Cameron: _____
5. Simon: _____
6. Becky: _____
7. Kathryn: _____

5. Complete the speakers' reasons for visiting different places.

1. The most beautiful place I've ever been to is the Lake District because it has such a _____
_____.
2. I'd love to travel to Indonesia and South-East Asia _____
_____ a completely different culture to Europe.
3. I'd really love to travel to Hawaii because I think it's got the most beautiful beaches and
it seems like a _____.
4. I'd love to travel to India because the culture seems fascinating and the _____ also seem
_____ and _____.
5. It seems like a fascinating country with _____.
6. I would ideally like to live somewhere _____ nearby;
here in Britain probably, somewhere like Somerset or Devon.

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- Choose two cities or countries that you would like to visit.
- List the reasons why you like or want to visit each place and explain what you hope to do and see there.
- Would you like to live in either of these places? Why (not)? Prepare to explain your destination choices using the language in the Phrase Bank.

PHRASE BANK

The most beautiful place I've been in is...
The most amazing thing about . . . is...
What I like about where I live is...
I really like the fact that...
I'd love to travel to . . . because...
...it has such a wide variety of landscapes.
...people seem friendly and welcoming.
It seems like...
... a completely different culture.
... a fascinating country with
... amazing natural beauty.
I would like to live somewhere rural with the ocean nearby.