



Word pictures are a descriptive way of showing links to other places and how places are influenced by the wider world. An example of a word picture done for Valley Road Park is below:

“Valley Park is an ocean of tranquillity within this busy town. The silence is broken by the quacking of the ducks and the flapping of wings. An occasional car zooms past, rushing to the sea front and that longed for view. They don’t stop to appreciate the green space they are travelling through. The trees nearly touch the bridge overhead where traffic flows constantly. Are they arriving in Scarborough, leaving Scarborough, just passing through? Where are they going – home, work, Whitby, Filey? Do they know what is below them? Although it is deserted at the moment there are hints to how this area is used. The rope swing dangling from the bridge shows it is the place to “hang out” for the local youths, and the discarded beer can suggests a less wholesome use.”

For your two contrasting areas of Scarborough attempt a word picture of around 100 words. Remember to include a description of the area and any links to other places. Consider transport links, shops, languages spoken...

Location: 2

Location 2 on Westborough road is a bustling hub of traffic and pedestrians circling the complex ringroad here. Partial regeneration is visible at the St Josephs theatre although many buildings including multiple betting shops give the area a less attractive image. People head down towards the town centre on mass and few people entre the depressing shops that live on the street.

A beehive of activity. People of all ages background flock to this area. The people repeatedly drift in and out of the church like train stations, capture by the chops and changes in architecture through the years from the concrete office blocks to the towering Victorian buildings. The convergence of the main roads to this area ensures the constant buzz of motor vehicles, all varying in shape and sizes which indicates the diversity of the area. However on the whole people do not stay for long, it is simply an irrelevant stage in their journey. They are always rushing through this area. The run down theatre shows that the area is a distant memory of what it once was.

Location: 3

A reasonably attractive high-street with some headline shops e.g Costa, this can erode culture as it is not unique. However there are some local businesses. People walking briskly and mindlessly. It is festive and has its own shopping centre. It is clear to see the tourists from the locals as they pod about looking from side to side to the myriad of surrounding stores.

The area around the shopping centre is diverse with a constant buzz arising from people of all ages as they are passing through. The no-entry for cars from this point quietens the noise of vehicles that is evident close to location 2. The modern approach of the shopping centre suggests the willingness for change in the heart of Scarborough in order to benefit the varied demographic.



Location: 3

This place has a very accessible shopping centre. In close proximity there is a busy main road, the cars zoom past and all you can hear is their engines. Pedestrians walking on the paths next to the road, talking and laughing. There are many shops that are accessible by the paths. The area is clean and there are trees planted on the edge of the modern slabbed paths. To the right of the shopping centre there is a magnificent view of the castle on the hill.

Location: 4

Bar Street has a tranquil, peaceful atmosphere scattered with independent shops. No brands, no globalisation, it's a truly original street. Waking down in the sun that radiates off the upper class shop signs, it feels almost as if you have taken a step back in time. This is the original Scarborough, this is what it would have been like 100 years ago. Apart from the occasional scumbags and weed smokers slumping past, it really is a peaceful place.

Bar street is a never ending corridor of shops and local businesses tucked away off the high street. It provides a welcoming feel with many old fashioned stores and café. It is overlooked by terraced housing and flats that create the tall corridor effect when walking through. the proud street is clean and well looked after and causes a dark street to feel very relaxing and welcoming. Many cafes have seats outside acting as a perfect sun trap in the summer and enticing customers.

Location: 5

Pride. The towering figure of Queen Victoria stoops over, enforcing a sense of passion for the area. The bitter, salty, sea wind offers a sharp bite to the face. A cacophony of sounds are heard, the screech of seagulls often breaks the peaceful silence. Cars occasionally hum past, yet slow down to appreciate the natural beauty of the area. The Castle gives a sense of historical importance to the area, appearing at one with the sea, dominating the landscape.



Location: 6

The sound of children playing in the playground echoes around the terraced neighbourhood. Despite a beautiful Market Hall, the rest of the surrounding area is quite run down and has little welcoming value. Pedestrians are smoking and give an ugly impression of the area with cars parked up and cigarette butts strewn across the floor.

The Market Hall is filled with the smells of fresh fruit and meat. There are 2 floors, the lower being dedicated to food and upper to the crafts. In the background you can hear the faint noises of cutlery, as people stop and sit to indulge in a light spot of lunch. As you look above the spacious roof opens out to reveal the original roof structure painted in a bright red paint glistening and reflecting the light back to the floor.

Location: 7

Independent stores trying to thrive in a desolate environment. Once a thriving hub, now an unclean, dirty sector. Well connected, but only rushing individuals, eager to get to other places, pass through here. The shops might as well not be open for all the interest they're gathering. The only place of interest is 'The Merchant' pub, which groups of men haul out of despite it being 11am. People seem shocked we have stopped on this passable street.

Leading Post Street corner is deprived in many aspects, namely sociability, isolated streets and run-down dilapidated buildings with graffiti on the walls on the floor. It is 1pm and the pubs are vibrant with avid drinkers and smokers. Both noise and air pollution are prominent with busy road running next to the road. There are little interactions between people and people going into shops. Behind us an empty guest house sits possibly indicating a decline in tourism (might be due to season). It is obvious Scarborough is drastically affected in the off seasons as tourism is its main industry.

Location: 8

Beautiful, scenic coastline, with a stunning beach scene. Sound of sea gulls and waves crashing is occasionally disrupted by the cars driving past. Closed down stores and arcades litter the street, where there is very little traffic, but is used by tourists sitting and watching the view. A homeless man is sitting down but takes very little away from the scenic backdrop.



Location: 9

A peaceful location with the waves gently rolling in. The area show some sing of rejuvenation with bright colours to attract tourists. There are a plethora of cuisines, providing further opportunities for visitors to sit down and take in the view of the harbour and the sea, However, there are more active attractions such as the casino's and the Luna Park.

The once busy, working harbour now brings up feelings of calm, people sit on the benches and watch the boats bobbing up and down. The boats range from modern yachts to more traditional fishing boats, reminiscent to the harbour's history. The modern harbour gates stay still, keeping away the mud at low tide. A couple of fishing boats drifted in and out while we were there, the screeching seagulls swarm the incoming boats looking for food. The fished nets stacked neatly, waiting for the high tide to go out. Fish and chip shops line the seafront.

Location: 10

Delightful view of Scarborough, with a tranquil, peaceful green surrounding. Some retired old people like to walk their dogs here. The odd siren can be heard in the distance, and the crashing of the waves can be heard if you listen closely. There is an excellent view of the entire town of Scarborough from this high vantage point.

Location: 11

The calming sound of the spilling waves gently gazing beside my ear drums. The sounds of the waves is very calming, although windy the view is beautiful. It was totally worth the long walk up for it.

In the distance I can see sights of the bay green plants moving side to side to the music of the wind as well as hotels and colourful beach huts. The lovely sea life centre is in the distance, so is the water park. Beneath us is a play ground and basket ball court all of these things suggesting it has tried to regenerate.



Location: 12

The bells ringing on the nearby school can be heard by all, the children's enthusiasm soon dries up. The apartments in contrast are still and only a handful of cars pass each minute. Faint breezes can be felt and the squawking of seagulls can be heard. The area seems deprived of amenities, with the postman have to lock his car t the lamppost at each house. The streets are deserted in the day, but it seems they could be filled with crime at night. A small park on the side sits deserted amongst grave stones.

Location 13

Quite and eerie with little traffic. Small houses stuck side by side. Tiny front gardens give some of the residents a small amount of privacy from the narrow street, these gardens are used by some residence are dumping grounds for broken children's toys and other rubbish. This area is very densely populated with many families close together. I wonder if they can hear each other through the walls?

Location 14

Castlegate overlooking Princess Street id a peaceful setting in an elevated position overlooking the harbour. The housing is mostly traditional terraced. There is easy access to the road from designated parking reducing congestion. There is also a view of the North East of the castle. There is also lots of greenery scattered around the area giving it a charm. Overall this place has a pleasant peaceful feeling. It is calm and well maintained area with no examples of deprivation.



Location: 15

The Grand Hotel sits atop a cliff overlooking the grey North Sea. The exterior is lavishly decorated in Victorian theme, however signs of age and wear are apparent. The orange rusted metal contrasts with the grey pavements and green trees surrounding it. Across the road of the hotel is a set of Victorian terraces, some of which have been converted to a Travelodge. Holiday makers mill about in the adjacent streets, with some disembarking from coaches with hands full of luggage. Down below, the waves lap onto the sand, which is deserted.

Location 16

Tried to regenerate buildings and road as the YMCA and traffic lights are new(ish). Clean buildings and the sound of seagulls create a peaceful and relaxing feeling. Lots of traffic however, the environment is safe and fresh.

It is a shame the road is so busy even though it is serviced by many bus routes there is still lots of noisy traffic slowly passing by.

Location