

## Preparatory English 2

### Unit 2: Describing Places

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# Warming up

- **Have you visited any tourist spots recently?**
- **Do you like going for vacation?**



# What's your favourite place?

- How would you describe your favourite place to your friends?
- Note the words in the following box:



# Grammar Focus: Adjectives

- When we describe places, adjectives are heavily used.
- The scenery is *brehtaking*.
- It is a *brehtaking* scenery.

## Adjectives:

- excellent, attractive, spectacular, awesome.
- smelly, woody, rainy, sunny.
- appealing, interesting, exciting



# Grammar Focus: Adjectives

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Beautiful	More beautiful	Most beautiful
Pretty	Prettier	Prettiest
Calm	Calmer	Calkest
Cheap	Cheaper	Cheapest
Dark	Darker	Darkest
Dangerous	More dangerous	Most dangerous
Expensive	More expensive	Most expensive
Tall	Taller	Tallest
Thin	Thinner	Thinnest

# Grammar Focus: Pronouns

- **Personal Pronouns**
  - **Subject: I, you, he, she, it, we, they**
  - **Object: Me, you, him, her, it, us, them**
  - **Possessive (before a noun): My, your, his, her, its, our, their**
  - **Possessive (after a noun) Mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, theirs**



# Speaking Practice

- **Promoting an Interesting Place**
  - **With a partner, choose a place that you think is worth visiting and promote it to your friends.**
  - **Please ensure you describe the place using appropriate adjectives.**



# Writing Description of Place

- **Paragraphing**

- Learn to organise your ideas/opinion in proper paragraphs.
- Each paragraph is marked by a clear topic sentence.





# Writing Description of Place

- **Writing a description**
  - **Introduction:** Introduce the place that you plan to describe. Give the location and also some brief details about what is famous there.
  - **Body:** Provide at least two main descriptions of the place. For example, 1 paragraph on famous building and 1 more paragraph on famous food.
  - **Conclusion:** State why you like the place.



# Writing Description

- **Example of Introduction**

**Kuching is one of the must-visit cities in Malaysia. It is a city where Western buildings are mixed with Eastern architecture. The multi-cultural backdrop of the city also mesmerizes its visitors. It is a place that everyone should take the opportunity to visit.**

