



Present Simple and Continuous Create a tourist town task
Worksheet 1- Guess the tourist site

Warmer- *Try to find things in common between the area where you live and the area where your partner lives, e.g. shops, transport connections, types of buildings, and distance from the centre of town.*

Are there any famous, historic or beautiful places near where you live? What would you say about them if you were showing them to a tourist?

Are there any world tourist sites you could give tourists a guided tour of? Which places would you choose and what would you say?

What do you know about the places below?

1. The Great Wall of China
2. Big Ben – the clock tower of the British Houses of Parliament in London and its famous bell
3. The Taj Mahal- a tomb built for an Indian queen that looks like a huge white mosque
4. The Eiffel Tower- the famous communications tower in Paris
5. The Blue Mosque- the most famous mosque in Istanbul, near Aya Sofia and with a similar huge dome
6. The World Cup Stadium in Seoul- where some 2002 World Cup matches were played

*Below are some phrases used by tour guides while giving tours of some of the places above. There is **one Present Simple** and **one Present Continuous** sentence in each case, **but some of the places don't match any**.*

- a) "It is used for sports events once or twice a week"
- b) "Hundreds or thousands of people are shopping, eating and watching movies in there now"
- c) "The call to prayer comes from the four towers called minarets 5 times a day"
- d) "Hundreds of people are climbing the stairs, and maybe a hundred more are taking the lifts"
- e) "The top viewing platform moves more than 1 metre when there is a strong wind"
- f) "We can't go in now, because people are praying"
- g) "The clock rings four times an hour"
- h) "It is striking twelve"

Which places are not described above? What would you say if you were a tour guide showing the places that aren't used above? (Try to use both the Present Simple and Present Continuous)



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Worksheet 2- Design a town and tour

Design your own imaginary historic town and a tour of it, drawing the places on a map. Put six sights into it, maybe using some of the suggestions below. As you decide each sight, write one Present Simple sentence and one Present Continuous sentence that a tour guide could say as they show it to some tourists.

Suggested local sightseeing spots

Castle	Moat	River
Palace	Mansion	(Thatched) cottage
Clock tower	Town hall	Hotel
Railway station	Natural history museum	Local history museum
Department store	Park	Garden
Hot springs	Church	Cathedral
Monastery	Abbey	Mosque
Temple	Shrine	Holy site
Well	City walls	Aqueduct
Theatre	Opera house	Parliament/ Senate
Statue	(Town) square	Shopping street
(Open air/ antiques/ street/ flea) market		
Graveyard/ cemetery	(Tree-lined) avenue	A cobbled street
Ferris wheel (= big wheel, e.g. the London Eye)		
Bridge	Botanical gardens	Skyscraper
Pier	Station	Tower
Tram (= streetcar)	Cable car	Harbour
(Art) gallery	Zoo	Fountain
Casino	Theme park	Beach

Add some historical places that are no longer there and write sentences about them with “...there was/ were... but now...”

Write about some changes to the historical places you decided on with the same language.



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Worksheet 3- The tour

Change groups. Show your new partner your map and pretend you are taking them on a tour.

Suggested questions for the tourists:

Ask questions using the correct tenses of the verbs in brackets below. More than one tense might be possible in some cases. To add speaking practice, please don't write in the gaps until the activity is finished.

What _____ (those people do)?

What time _____ (open)?

_____ (open every day)?

_____ (people still live there)?

How many people _____ (visit every day)?

How much _____ (cost)?

How many paintings _____ (in there)?

Where _____ (go to)?

What _____ (we look at) now?

Imagine you were writing a script for a recorded tour of the city to be played on someone's MP3 player. What directions could you give them to get around the town? (Use the map you drew to help you)



**Present Simple and Continuous Create a tourist town task Answer key
Worksheet 1 Answers**

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No sentences included

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c “The call to prayer comes from the four towers called minarets 5 times a day”

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6. The World Cup Stadium in Seoul- where some 2002 World Cup matches were played
a “It is used for sports events once or twice a week”

b “Hundreds or thousands of people are shopping, eating and watching movies in there now”

Worksheet 3- Suggested answers

What are those people doing?

What time does it open?

Does it/ is it open every day?

Do people still live there?

How many people visit every day?

How much does it cost?

How many paintings are there in there?

Where does it go to?

What are we looking at now?