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Develop your writing

- ▶ **Goal:** write a description
- ▶ **Focus:** using word order correctly



1 Look at the photo and discuss the questions.

- 1 Where do you think this town is?
- 2 What things can you see in the photo?

2 a Read about the city in the photo and check your ideas in Exercise 1.

Toruń – my home town

I live in a small city called Toruń, in the north of Poland. It's about three hours from Warsaw, the capital city.

Toruń is a very old city – over a thousand years old! There's a castle in the old town and it's nearly 800 years old. There are a lot of attractive buildings in the city and it looks really beautiful at night.

There's a big train station and from here the trains go all over Poland. There's also a bus station near the old town. The buses go to many European cities, so it's easy to visit here. There's a famous speedway (motorbike racing) stadium and people go there with their families at the weekend. There are a lot of theatres, too: two drama theatres, two children's theatres, two musical theatres and several other theatre groups.

My favourite thing in Toruń is the gingerbread. People come from many different places in Poland to eat it. There's even a gingerbread museum.

Toruń is a great place to live and visit. Come and say hello!

b Read the article again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Toruń isn't a big city.
- 2 The city is nearly 800 years old.
- 3 Toruń has many nice buildings.
- 4 It's difficult to get to Toruń.
- 5 The writer's favourite thing about Toruń is the theatres.
- 6 There's a museum for a special type of food.

3 a Read the Focus box. Where do we put adjectives?

Using word order correctly

Basic word order is:

Subject + verb + object

I like my home town.

Adjectives come before nouns.

old buildings NOT *buildings old*

a great place NOT *a place great*

Or after the verb *be*.

The hotel is lovely.

The usual word order in long sentences is:

who? + what? + where? + who with? + when?

People go there with their families at the weekend.

b Find more examples of the word order in the Focus box in the article.

4 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 live in / city / I / an / interesting
I live in an interesting city.
- 2 live and work / People / there
- 3 beautiful / in the city / There / some / parks / are
- 4 have lunch / in summer / in the parks / People
- 5 every weekend / a museum or gallery / I / with my friends / visit
- 6 with his partner / Jamie / to the theatre / after work / goes
- 7 is / The city centre / beautiful

5 Complete the sentences about your town or city.

- 1 There are a lot of _____.
- 2 I don't like _____.
- 3 _____ is a great place.
- 4 _____ new buildings.
- 5 People _____ at the weekends.
- 6 The city centre _____.

Prepare

6 a You're going to write a description of your favourite city. First, make notes about:

- where it is
- its size (small or big town/city)
- who lives there
- transport
- places and buildings
- things people do at the weekend
- who visits the town/city and why

b Decide the order of the information for your description.

Write

7 Write your description. Use the article in Exercise 2 to help you.