

- A) dôležité miesta v mojom živote (rodisko, miesto štúdií, trávenia víkendov, prázdniny)
- B) sprevádzanie turistov (privítanie, základné informácie o meste, o možnostiach ubytovania, stravovania, nákupe suvenírov)
- C) turisticky zaujímavé miesta (napr. hrady, zámky, kúpele, jaskyne, ...)

A) Important places

Places – important in human life. There are many places to live all over the world. People always have opinions about places, though they have probably only seen them in pictures or on TV. Throughout our lives we get to know various places that become connected to us.

One of the most important places in our life is our birthplace. It's connected to our happiest memories from our childhood, with our parents and siblings, with our friends or our first love. People are strongly tied to the birthplace.

Later as adults we have to find a place to live on our own. Very often it's far from our birthplace. This place becomes our new hometown, the place where we work, meet new friends, live with our families.

The reasons why we choose the place to be our home are various. It can be:

- in the country – village - quiet, far from busy city, living in privacy is more important
- town/city, because it's difficult to imagine life far from 'civilization'
 - ↳ offer more opportunities (find a job, education, culture, sport facilities)
 - ↳ you're never alone, you're surrounded by lots of people

'Home'

- different meanings for different people;
 - to child → parents, bed time stories, toys
 - to teenager → strict rules, arguments about school results, clothes and pocket money
 - to working woman → hard work, household chores
 - to man → tasty meals, relaxation
- place, where all the members of the family can feel safe, happy, find help whenever they need
- students spend several years in the campus which becomes their home;
 - host families become the second home for those who apply for a scholarship and spend several months in a foreign country

C) Interesting places, touristic spots

There are lots of interesting places all over the world which people like to visit, especially during summer holidays when most people take time off:

- historic landmarks
- beautiful natural wonders, caves
- unique buildings, museums, castles, châteaux,
- spas

People often spend several days or weeks far from home, relaxing, having fun and learning different cultures. Such holidays are important, since they help people to find out how important home is. If their holiday is long one, they get homesick. After coming home you can hear well known phrases:

“East or west, home is best”

“There is no place like home”

“Home, sweet home”

Tasks:

Picture - Tasks:

- Compare and contrast places you can see in the pictures. Which town or place in the picture do you like the most? Give reasons.
- Where of these destinations would you prefer to spend your holiday and why?

Topic:

- Describe your town or the town of your studies – Košice.
- Explain your relationship to Košice.
- Talk about the most beautiful regions in Slovakia and say what their special appeal is. Talk about location, landscape, buildings and other special features.

Simulation

You and your partner have been asked to organise activities for a group of foreign visitors to your town. Discuss these possibilities, and choose which three to organise for the visitors:

- guided tour of historic town,
- visit to museum,
- special meal in restaurant,
- concert of traditional music,
- trip to different bars,
- a garden party.

Košice

- the metropolis of East Slovakia, one of our oldest towns, situated in a valley of the River Hornád
- population over 250,000 inhabitants
- important industrial and educational center: metallurgical colossus USS
 - universities: The Pavol Jozef Šafárik University, the Technical University, the Veterinary University
- the seat of a number of institutions of the Slovak Academy of Science , of the Constitutional Court of the SR
- important cultural center: 4 theatre buildings (the State Theatre; Thalia, Romathan – minorities, Cassovia dance theatre – musicals, etc.)
 - the Košice Music Spring, the State Philharmonic Orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra
- the Botanical Garden, the Zoo
- the International Peace of Marathon

Sightseeings:

- most historically and culturally valuable monuments – in historical core/center of the town – the Main/High Street
 - St. Elizabeth's Cathedral – the most significant monument, medieval monument built in the Gothic style; the most beautiful gothic church in Slovakia; together with Urban's Tower and St. Michael's Chapel it has been declared a national cultural monument
 - Urban's Tower – the East Slovakia Museum has been set up; wax museum
 - St. Michael's Chapel – built in Gothic style
 - the State Theatre, former Town Hall, the Levoča House, the Bishop's Palace,
 - Jacob's Palace – used to be the seat of the President of Czechoslovakia
 - Immaculate Statue – 'The Plaque Column' – commemorates the plaque from the 18th century
 - the East Slovakian Museum – expositions illustrating the Stone, Middle ages in East Slovakia ; the Košice Gold Treasure

Places of interest near Košice:

Bankov, Anička, Jahodná – recreation places

Ružín – a valley dam lake on the River Hornad

Kavečany – location of the Kosice Zoo

Herľany – with a geyser

Housing estate Sídliisko nad Jazerom – the center of water sports

Bukovec