

Place Explorer Answer Key

Because this is a creative descriptive writing task, answers will vary. A correct student response should include:

- A drawing of a place.
- 2 to 3 complete sentences.
- At least two simple adjectives such as **bright, small, soft, green, cold, quiet**, and similar descriptive words.
- Sentences that relate directly to the place in the drawing.

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide an adjective word bank for students who need extra support.
 - Allow verbal brainstorming before writing for students who struggle with generating ideas.
 - Offer sentence starters like "My place is..." or "The spot has..." for beginning writers.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Let students share their drawings with a partner and read their sentences aloud.
 - Encourage students to close their eyes and imagine a place before they draw.
 - Invite students to choose between a real place or a pretend place to boost creativity.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students add a second drawing showing a different part of the place and write one more descriptive sentence.
 - Ask students to circle the adjectives in their writing to reinforce the skill.
 - Create a class display of the drawings with typed descriptions beneath them.