The New Places Micro Library

Welcome to the New Places Micro Library. This collection is designed especially for you as you explore places you might visit for the first time.

These places may be new, unfamiliar, or quite different from where you live. You are seeing this because you have read, are reading, or will soon be able to read a story called *Theo's Terrible Tour*.

Take your time as you explore each card. Look carefully at the photographs and information. Talk with an adult about what you notice, and share what feels new or interesting to you.



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England is home to many places that feel surprising and wonderful when you visit them for the first time. Each place has its own character and story to tell.

Some places are very old, built hundreds of years ago. Others are unusual because of where they are or what they look like. Many are quite different from the everyday places we see around us.

As you look through this book, you'll discover castles with moats, cities on hilltops, caves underground, and wide open countryside. Each place offers something new to notice and explore.



What makes a place feel new or surprising to you?
Is it the buildings, the landscape, or perhaps the way it makes you feel?

Very Old Places in England

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Stone Castles

Stone castles were built to protect important people and places. They have thick walls, tall towers, and sometimes deep moats around them. Many were built over 500 years ago.



Ancient Cathedrals

Cathedrals are very large, special churches. They took many years to build and have beautiful stone carvings, tall windows, and spaces that echo when you speak.

Some places in England were built hundreds of years ago, yet people still visit them today. These ancient buildings help us imagine what life was like long ago, and they remind us of the skilled craftspeople who created them.

Talk with an adult: Why do you think people still visit places this old?
What can we learn from them?

A Castle in the South of England

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Bodiam Castle stands in East Sussex, in the south of England.
This remarkable castle was built in 1385, over 600 years ago, and it looks almost magical when you see it for the first time.

What Makes It Special

The castle is surrounded by a wide, still moat filled with water. This makes it look as though the castle is floating peacefully on a lake. The moat was originally built to help protect the people inside from attackers.



Visiting Today

People still visit Bodiam Castle today to walk across the bridge, explore the towers and rooms, and imagine what life was like for the families and soldiers who lived there long ago.

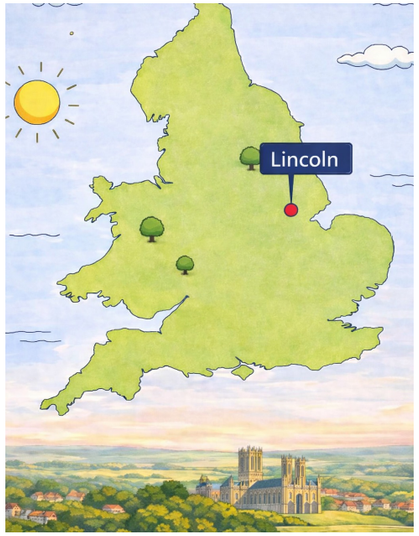
Talk with an adult: What makes this castle look different from the buildings you see today? Think about the materials, shape, and surroundings.

A City With a Surprising View



Lincoln is a historic city in Lincolnshire, in the east of England.

When you approach Lincoln from far away, one building stands out dramatically above everything else.



Lincoln Cathedral sits proudly on top of a steep hill.

Its three tall towers reach high into the sky, and for over 200 years it was actually one of the tallest buildings in the entire world.

The cathedral was completed in 1092 and has been rebuilt and added to many times since then.

People would travel for days just to see this magnificent building, and even today it can be spotted from miles away across the flat Lincolnshire countryside.

Talk with an adult: Why do you think people would notice this city from far away?

How would you feel next to such a tall building?

Coastal Places That Feel New

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Some places in England are by the sea, and they can feel very different from places further inland. The air smells different, the sounds change, and the landscape opens up in new ways.

High Cliffs

Steep drops down to the sea with paths along the edge



Busy Harbours

Boats bobbing on the water, ropes and nets, seagulls calling



Narrow Streets

Old pathways winding uphill between closely packed buildings



Places like Whitby in North Yorkshire have all of these features. Whitby is famous for its harbour, its connection to Captain Cook (a famous explorer), and the dramatic ruined abbey that sits on the clifftop.

When you visit a coastal place for the first time, you might notice how the light reflects off the water, how the wind feels stronger, and how different the buildings look compared to towns further from the sea.

Talk with an adult: What might you might see, hear, smell, and feel if you were to visit the coast.

National Parks

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England has national parks—large areas of countryside that are protected because they are considered special and important.

These places are looked after carefully so that they stay beautiful for everyone to enjoy, now and in the future.

The Lake District

One of England's most famous national parks is the Lake District in Cumbria. It has tall mountains, deep lakes, and miles of walking paths through valleys and along ridges.

The landscape was shaped thousands of years ago by ice, and today it attracts visitors from all over the world who come to walk, climb, and enjoy the natural beauty.



Why Are They Protected?

National parks are protected to keep the land, wildlife, and natural features safe from damage. This means future generations can enjoy them too.

Talk with an adult: Why do you think places like this are protected? What might happen if they weren't?

Open Countryside Places

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Some new places in England feel very open and spacious. Unlike busy towns or cities, these countryside places have fewer buildings, roads, and people. Instead, there are fields, hills, paths, and animals like sheep and cattle grazing peacefully.



Yorkshire Dales

The Yorkshire Dales is a large area of countryside in the north of England.

It has wide fields divided by dry stone walls, gentle hills, long walking paths,
and very few buildings.

When you visit somewhere like this, you might notice how quiet it is.

You can see for miles in every direction.

The sky feels bigger, and there is space all around you.

Talk with an adult: What do you notice about this place?
How might it feel the same or different from where you live or go to school?

Underground Places

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Some places in England take you underground, deep inside the rock itself.



Cheddar Gorge in Somerset is famous for its spectacular caves that were formed over millions of years by water.

Inside the caves, it feels completely different from being outside. It is dark, cool, and often echoey. Your voice might sound strange, and you can see incredible rock formations hanging from the ceiling or rising from the floor.

What You Might Notice

- Temperature drops—it feels much cooler
- Sounds echo off the rocky walls
- Water drips and forms pools
- Special lights help you see the cave features

Talk with an adult: How might this place feel different from being outside? Would you like to visit a cave?

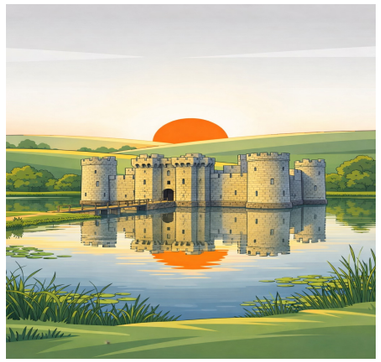
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You have now explored several different kinds of places in England
Each place offers something new to discover and remember.

Think About a New Place

From the places you have seen in this book, which one feels most new or interesting to you?









Or Imagine Visiting

Is there a place you would like to visit one day? What draws you to it?







Talk About It

Share your thoughts with an adult.
You could say:

'This place feels new because.....'

'I would like to visit ..... because .....'