

# Activity 1: Make a list of place

★ Here we want as many different type of places as possible – the more the better. For example: wood, city, shed, street, station, maze, cellar ...



★ Top Tip: generic places are what we are looking for here, not the actual names of particular places: we want city not London, planet not Jupiter.

## Sorting your ideas



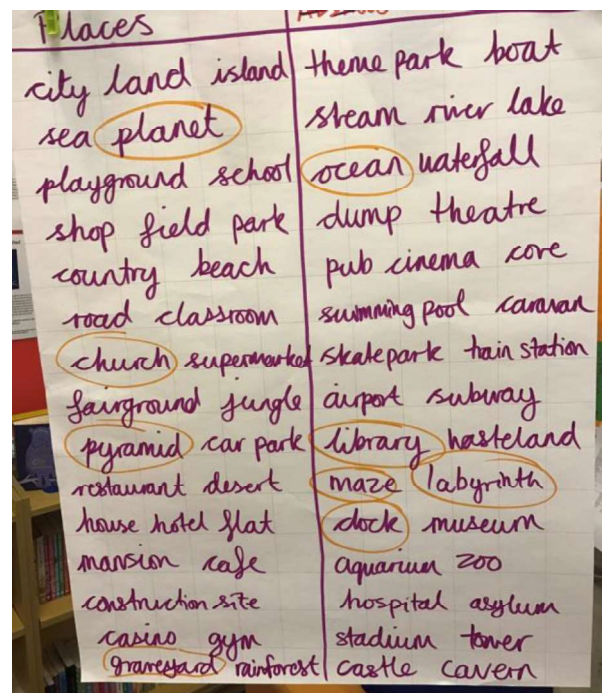
One way to sort your places is to put them into categories. This often helps you to think of more ideas as one idea can lead to another and so on.

| Water | Where people live | Buildings   | Outer space |
|-------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| lake  | town              | shed        | moon        |
| river | house             | supermarket | planet      |

★ Now over to you to make your lists of places. Can you get more than 50?



Here is the list I made with my class: please feel free to magpie!



## Activity 2: Make a list of abstract nouns



Before we make our list for the game, you might need to brush up on the four types of nouns:

- **Concrete nouns:** the general names for people, places and things that you can see/touch/taste/smell etc. e.g. *ball, table, grass, pony, child*
- **Proper nouns:** special names starting with capital letters e.g. *Sarah, Dr Foster, Spain*
- **Collective nouns:** a word for a group of animals, people or things e.g. *gang, swarm, crowd, pair*
- **Abstract nouns:** something that exists but you cannot see/touch e.g. *love, dream, fear, hope*

For our game, we want lots and lots of **abstract** nouns. Here are some top tips for your list:

**Happy feelings:** *hope, love, joy, friendship, happiness,*

**Sad feelings:** *regret, pain, doom, sadness, dread*

**Fantasy:** *curse, premonition, vision, dream, nightmare,*

**Attitude words ending in -tion/-sion:** *determination, ambition, trepidation, passion, confusion*

Question? Is the word *happy* an abstract noun? Let's try it out in a sentence:  
The man felt very **happy** as it was his birthday.

Here the word **happy** is describing the man. We call those words **adjectives**. We can change happy to an abstract noun by adding a suffix:  
happy – happiness. The church filled with **happiness** on their wedding day.

- So the adjective **sad** becomes the abstract noun **sadness**.
- And the adjective **lonely** becomes the abstract noun **loneliness**



**Now over to you to make your list of abstract nouns. If you're stuck, magpie from the ones above or ask your family if they can think of any.**



## Activity 3: Making your first combinations!

Now comes the fun part! Choose one word from each list and put them together to make an interesting combination. Here's how it works:

| Places  |   | Abstract Nouns | Combinations          |
|---------|---|----------------|-----------------------|
| church  | + | love           | The church of love    |
| village | + | dreams         | The village of dreams |
| station | + | pain           | The station of pain   |
| tunnel  | + | hope           | The tunnel of hope    |
| river   | + | anxiety        | The river of anxiety  |

Each place can be paired up with any of the abstract nouns so the possibilities are endless! At this stage, try not to worry about whether they are 'good' or not just generate lots and lots of ideas so we have plenty to choose from later.



**Now make as many combinations as you can!**

**Top Tip: You could choose ONE setting and then combine it with 5-10 abstract nouns and see which one surprises, entertains or interests you most.**

*The school of doom*  
*The school of laughter*  
*The school of determination*  
*The school of hope*  
*The school of fun*  
*The school of dreams*  
*The school of pride*  
*The school of friendship*  
*The school of possibilities*