

# Prepare for {IELTS}

## Part 1 – Scenery

Is there good **scenery**\* in your hometown?

When you live somewhere and have lived there all your life, I don't think you see it as **scenic** or **picturesque**, **mind you**\*\* when my friends **from out of town** come to visit, they tell me it is.

\***scenery** = the general appearance of the natural environment, especially when it is beautiful

\***mind you** = but

Do you like staying in hotels with scenic views?

**Absolutely yes, who doesn't?** I've stayed in far too many hotels with views of the car park and **I much prefer** a **room with a view**. If there is a **balcony to admire the view**, that's even better.

Do you like to take pictures of good scenery with your mobile?

**Yes, I tend to do this a lot.** If there is a **stunningly beautiful sunset**, then I always try to take a photo and **post** it on Instagram.

Is there good scenery in cities?

**Definitely.** I'm **really into** architecture so I love **wandering around**\* cities and **urban areas** looking at the buildings, both **contemporary** and **historical** buildings. Some cities are **concrete jungles**, but you can still find **beauty** in them.

\***to wander around** = to walk around slowly in a relaxed way or without any clear purpose or direction

\*\***a concrete jungle** = If you refer to a city or area as a concrete jungle, you mean that it has a lot of modern buildings and you think it is ugly or unpleasant to live in