

A place is a  
space claimed by  
feelings ....



# DETAIL

window catches, joints, hinges,

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FAR: Draw it from a distance, showing what is around it.

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# TEXTURE

Run your hand gently along different **surfaces**. How do they feel? Rough? Smooth? Cold? Warm? Ribbed? Bumpy?

Can you think of any words to describe the **qualities** of the **textures** you discover?

On the opposite page, write down the name of **materials** you have touched and your description of them.

# SHAPE

## GEOMETRIC

**symmetric**

**asymmetric**

## REGULAR

**irregular**

# SIGNS and SYMBOLS

Draw some of the **symbols** you have found. What do they **represent**?

What **signage** helps you find your way around

Draw some examples of interesting symbols or lettering you have discovered.

# COLOUR

What **palette** of colours is used in the

sky blue ..... poppy red ..... sunshine yellow .... grass green ...  
.....earth brown ....slate grey .....snow white .....blood orange .....

Make up names for very **bright** colours  
you find.

Make up names for very **dull** or **muted**  
colours you find.

Which colours look good together?

What do different colours suggest to you?

# STRUCTURE

Look at two-dimensional **shapes** and  
three-dimensional **forms**.

How does the building stand up?

How is it **constructed**?

Is it the same in the new and old parts?

Look for **frames, supports, suspension**.

What gives **strength** to the **structure**?

What materials are **strong** and **heavy**?

What materials are **strong** yet **light**?

# CONTRASTS

old new

dark light

bright dull

shiny matt

vertical horizontal

high low regular irregular

**large** small

symmetrical asymmetrical

*rough* smooth

balanced imbalanced

Can you find more?

# ART

Is there anything in the building that you think is **art**?

Look at:

GLASS

METALWORK

OBJECTS

DISPLAYS

Where else can you find art?

What do you think makes something into an art work?

Why is it important to have art in a building?

## **AIR, HEAT**

How is the building **heated**?

What kinds of **ventilation systems** are in use?

What is **energy** needed for in this building?

## **FUNCTION**

What is the building used for?

Cross out words that do not apply. Add some more.

argument art architecture buying business  
communicating comparing cooking design display  
discussion debate dancing design eating  
education entertainment exhibition exploring  
information interpreting investigating jokes  
learning looking making meetings parties playing  
presentations reading researching seeing showing  
sitting socialising sports sunbathing talking  
thinking valuing viewing waiting walking wandering  
wanting welcoming wondering

# POSITIVE

# NEGATIVE

# SOLID

# VOID

## MATERIALS

Find things that are made from these materials.

glass

metal

stone

ceramic

wood

Can you find any other materials?



# LIGHT

Light levels change

Some spaces are **dark** and some are

**light** and some are very **bright**. Why?

Is **natural** light or **artificial** light used?

What kinds of artificial light can you find?

Can you find light that is **diffused**?

How is **directional** light used?

What materials can you find that are **translucent**?

What materials can you find that are **transparent**?

What is the difference between

**transparent** and **translucent**?

# Scale

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## AMBIENCE

How does it **feel** in different spaces?  
inviting? frightening? exciting?  
stimulating? confusing?

What kind of **atmosphere** is there?  
happy? busy? relaxed? businesslike?  
efficient? quiet? Anything else?

What **moods** are created in different  
spaces? How is this done?

Does the building **remind** you of any  
other places?

## DECORATION

Can you find any **decorative** features?

What is the purpose of **decoration**?

Can you find any **patterns** based on  
repetition of shapes?

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