

Beautiful, brilliant Brighton

1 WARMER: WORDS AND SOUNDS

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Did you notice that the two adjectives before the name of the town start with the same letter as the town? Use your dictionary to make similar slogans for your town. For example, 'Lively, lovely London'.

2 WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Write these words from the article next to their meanings. The paragraph numbers will help you.

scene artists pier busy fireworks

1. People who make paintings or sculptures. _____ (para 1)
2. A structure built out from the land over water, especially at the seaside, where people can go to walk and for entertainment. _____ (para 1)
3. A particular interest or activity, and the people and places that are involved in it. _____ (para 1)
4. Full of people. _____ (para 2)
5. Objects that explode when you light them and produce coloured lights and loud noises. _____ (para 2)

gay pride promenade charity sunbathe railway

6. An organization to which you give money so that it can help people who are poor or ill, or who need advice and support. _____ (para 2)
7. This describes the idea that people who are lesbian or gay should be proud. _____ (para 2)
8. The system of travelling by train and all the companies, people and equipment relating to it. _____ (para 3)
9. A place to walk, usually next to a beach. _____ (para 4)
10. To sit or lie in the sun so that your skin becomes darker. _____ (para 7)

candyfloss maze funfair comedy decorated

11. A type of entertainment intended to make people laugh. _____ (para 9)
12. A sweet food consisting of very thin strings of pink sugar wrapped around a stick. _____ (para 10)
13. A set of many small streets, paths etc. that is easy to get lost in. _____ (para 11)
14. When something has been made to look more attractive by putting nice things on it. _____ (para 12)
15. An event held outside at which people go on rides (large machines that you ride on for pleasure) and play games to win prizes. _____ (para 13)

Definitions from www.macmillandictionary.com

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BEAUTIFUL, BRILLIANT BRIGHTON

by Rebecca Perl

1 Sea air and students, colour and creativity – Brighton, on the southern coast of England, is the coolest, youngest city in Britain. It's full of artists, musicians and people having great fun at the seaside. The city is known for its wonderful Royal Pavilion and Brighton Pier as well as its beautiful beaches. And Brighton has great entertainment – with theatres, cinemas, concerts and art galleries. It has an exciting music scene: bands like The Kooks and DJ Fat Boy Slim come from Brighton. It's a great place to visit – and to learn English!

2 Brighton is busy all year round, especially in summer. In May there's the Brighton Festival – with music, dance, comedy and wonderful fireworks. In June there's the London-to-Brighton Bike Ride – when around 27,000 people ride bicycles for charity. In August there's a huge gay pride festival. And in September, Brighton Live is a whole week of free gigs by bands from Brighton.

3 When the sun shines, the beaches are full of people relaxing, playing beach volleyball or doing water sports. That's no wonder – with its neighbouring town, Hove, almost half a million people live in Brighton! The area first became popular in the 18th century. King George IV spent much of his time in the town in the early 1800s and built what is now one of England's most famous buildings – The Royal Pavilion. Londoners started going to Brighton on holiday when the railway to Brighton opened in 1841. Brighton is now one of Britain's largest and most popular seaside resorts; a fun city full of creative people with great ideas.

4 **Action for you**
If you love sports, Brighton is perfect for you. On the beach and the promenade, you'll see teens cycling, rollerblading, skateboarding, playing volleyball or beach football. And with swimming, surfing and many other water activities, you'll find your favourite sport, and more, in Brighton.

5 The Yellowwave Beach Sports Venue, between the two piers, is a fantastic place to play different types of sports – including volleyball, football, and 'beachminton' (badminton on the beach!).

6 **English by the sea**
Brighton is one of the best places in the world to learn English. There are more than 25 language schools in the area. Annalisa, 17, from Germany, visited Brighton for two weeks. "There were pupils from all over Europe: Italy,

Poland, Hungary, Spain, Russia and Germany. A language holiday in Brighton is a great way to make friends."

7 In most summer language courses, lessons start at nine o'clock and end at 12, so we had lots of free time. Annalisa said, "After our English lessons, we often went shopping, met friends from the school and went to the beach. There were always lots of people playing sports there, but we usually wanted to relax. Brighton's beach is great, and we went there to listen to music, sunbathe, and sometimes to swim."

Brighton and beyond

8 There are lots of fun things to do and see in and near Brighton. Here are five top tips!

9 Go to Brighton for one of the city's many fantastic festivals! They're all fun and colourful. The Brighton Festival and Festival Fringe are in May, with music, art, dance, comedy and fireworks. If you visit in August, there's one of Britain's best gay pride festivals. For great live music, Brighton Live in September is for you!

10 You can eat candyfloss and Brighton rock (a hard sweet that is traditionally sold in a lot of seaside towns in Britain) and of course fish and chips on the beach! But if you just want to watch fish, visit Brighton Sea Life Centre – the world's oldest aquarium.

11 Brighton Lanes are a maze of small streets full of fun shops! The best area for cool and crazy clothes is North Laine. Nearby Churchill Square has the best high-street shops.

12 You can visit the Prince Regent's palace, the beautiful Royal Pavilion (the prince became King George IV in 1820). The outside looks like an Indian palace and the inside is decorated in a Chinese style. Old, but very cool!

13 Have fun at the Brighton Pier funfair. From there, you can see the old West Pier. You can also go on the Volk's Electric Railway – the world's oldest electric railway that's still running.



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3 FIND THE INFORMATION

Match the sentence halves to make a summary of the article.

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| 1. Brighton is a fun city on | called the Royal Pavilion. |
| 2. Around half a million people | musicians live in Brighton. |
| 3. Many artists and | a special kind of sweet. |
| 4. Brighton is a good | aquarium is in Brighton. |
| 5. Brighton has a palace | music and arts festivals. |
| 6. It is a favourite place | the south coast of England. |
| 7. There is a funfair on the | for students to learn English. |
| 8. Brighton rock is | place to go shopping. |
| 9. Brighton has many | live in Brighton. |
| 10. The world's oldest | end of Brighton Pier. |

4 TEEN TALK

1. **Gig.** A gig is a ...
- ... new beach sport.
 - ... live music performance.
 - ... fish restaurant.

Brighton Live is a whole week of free gigs.

2. Decide which of these words can go before *gig* in the sentence below.

great rock concert punk band brilliant

I went to a _____ gig at the weekend.

5 WEBQUEST

Look at the article again. Find and underline places to go to in Brighton and things to do.

In small groups, choose one of these attractions or events. Do Internet research and make a poster or PowerPoint presentation. Don't forget to use pictures and maps and to include entrance prices and opening times!

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6 DISCUSSION

Plan a day trip to Brighton. Decide which three places or things you would most like to visit or do.

7 WRITE A POSTCARD

Complete the postcard to a friend telling them about your day in Brighton.



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POSTCARD

Dear

I am having a great time in Brighton.

The weather is

Today we went to
and and then
.....
.....

We ate and
.....
.....

See you soon,
.....

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KEY

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1. artists
2. pier
3. scene
4. busy
5. fireworks
6. charity
7. gay pride
8. railway
9. promenade
10. sunbathe
11. comedy
12. candyfloss
13. maze
14. decorated
15. funfair

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1. Brighton is a fun city on the south coast of England.
2. Around half a million people live in Brighton.
3. Many artists and musicians live in Brighton.
4. Brighton is a good place to go shopping.
5. Brighton has a palace called the Royal Pavilion.
6. It is a favourite place for students to learn English.
7. There is a funfair on the end of Brighton Pier.
8. Brighton rock is a special kind of sweet.
9. Brighton has many music and arts festivals.
10. The world's oldest aquarium is in Brighton.

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1. A *gig* is a live music performance.
2. These words can all go before *gig*: *great, rock, punk, brilliant*

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The attractions and events mentioned in the article are:

- Royal Pavilion
- Brighton Pier
- Volk's Electric Railway
- Sea Life centre
- Brighton Lanes
- The Yellowwave Beach Sports Venue
- Brighton Festival and Fringe Festival
- London-to-Brighton Bike Ride
- Gay Pride Festival
- Brighton Live

Also mentioned are:

- shopping in North Laine and Churchill Square
- the beaches
- theatres
- cinemas
- concerts / gigs
- art galleries