

Urban Pioneers



These activities are for you to do at home with an adult. You can do all of them or choose the ones that you find most interesting.

Activities

1. With an adult, search online for striking urban buildings, such as The Shard in London or the Flatiron Building in New York. Print images and make a collection of amazing buildings in a scrapbook. Write some sentences about each building, explaining why you like it.
2. Use an Ordnance Survey map of your local area. Make a list of all of the different types of buildings on the map, using the key to help you. Identify any special structures and write a sentence or two to explain how they are used.
3. What makes a great city? Is it the parks and water features, the friendly people, or the clean, tidy streets? Decide what is important to you in a city. Use your ideas to design an imaginary city. Make a map to show how it is planned out and what features it has. Don't forget to include a key.
4. Imagine that you are about to entertain a visitor from another country. You want to impress them with your nearest town or city. Where would you take them for a day trip? Plan an itinerary to show them the best features of your local urban area.
5. The world has many amazing cities. Choose a city in another part of Europe to compare to your own nearest city. Record your findings in a table.
6. Graffiti is often found in urban areas. What is your opinion of it? Decide whether you think it is art or vandalism and write a paragraph to explain your thoughts.



7. Public art, such as statues, murals and sculptures, often tell us about the history of a place. Find out where these examples can be found and write a short paragraph about each piece to explain what it tells you about the history of the place where it is located.



Angel of the North – Sir Antony Gormley



Cloud Gate – Anish Kapoor



First Generation – Chong Fah Cheong



Pumpkin – Yayoi Kusama



Gilt of Cain – Michael Vissochi



Freedom Park – Mongane Wally Serote

8. Finish your home learning by writing a summary of the topic, explaining what you have learned about urban areas and features.

Useful websites

BBC Bitesize – Cities, towns and villages

Ordnance Survey – Mapzone

Tate – Street art game

Let’s Explore – New York: Brooklyn Street Art with Kids!

Good reads

Title	Author	ISBN
Scribbleboy	Philip Ridley	9780140368949
Maybe Something Beautiful – How Art Transformed a Neighbourhood	F Isabel Campoy	9780544357693
The Cities Book	Lonely Planet Kids	9781786577580
Collins Junior Atlas (Collins Primary Atlases)	Collins Kids	9780008319458
See Inside Great Cities	Usborne	9781409519041

