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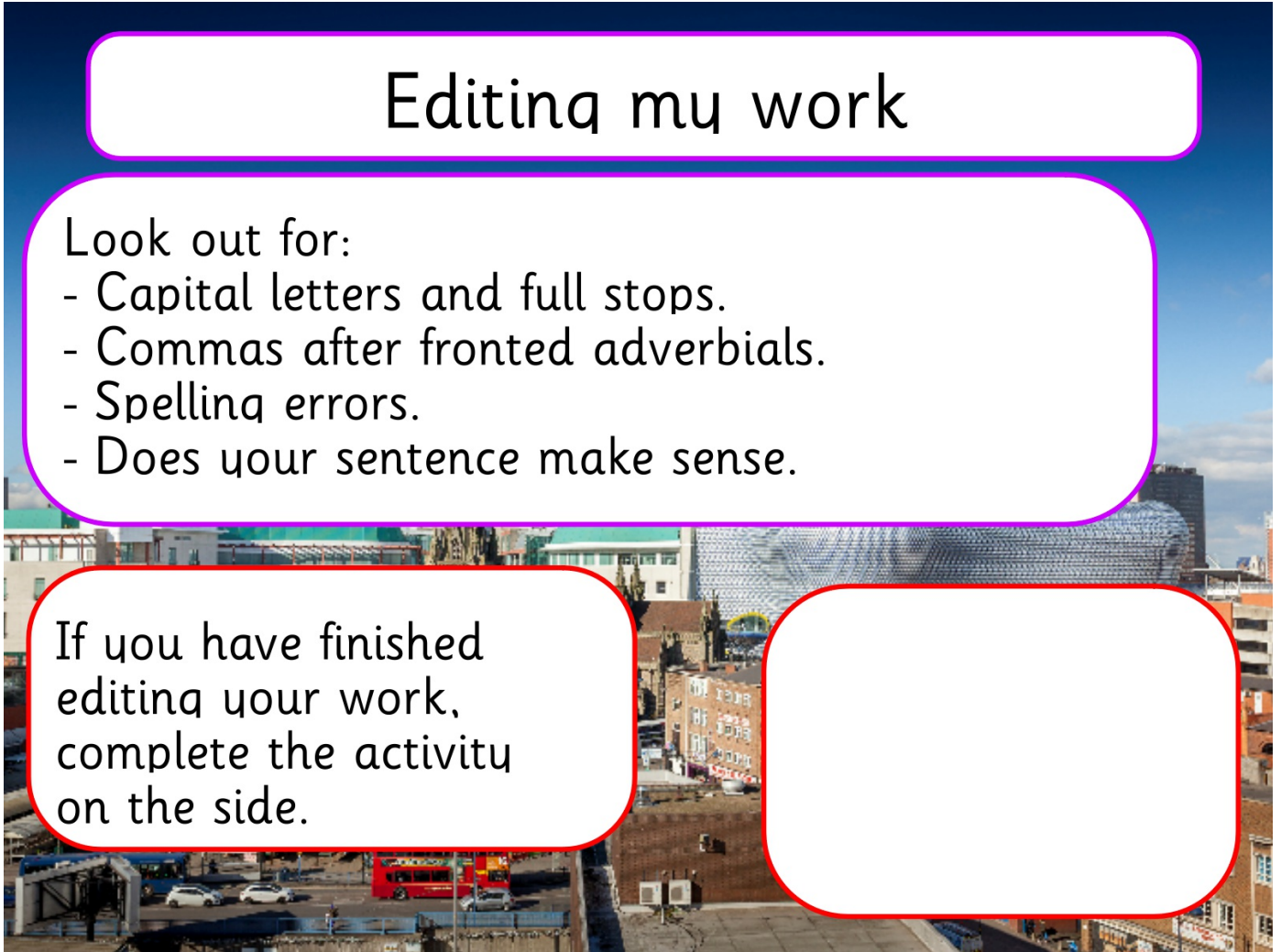


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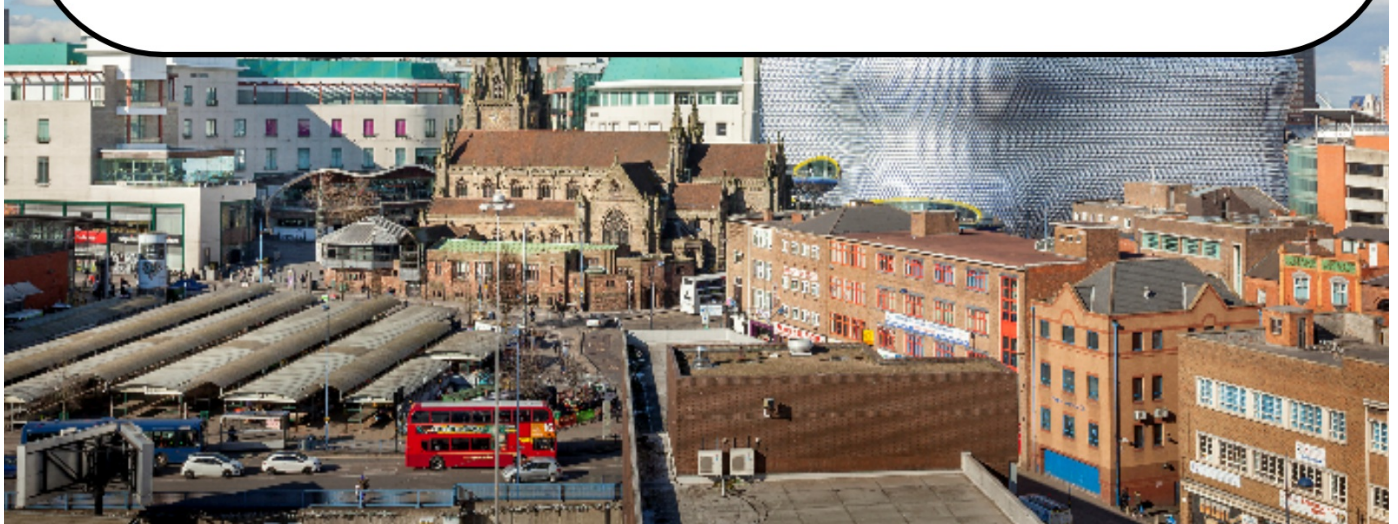
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This week, the Commonwealth Games have asked us to write a fact file on one of the most famous parks in Birmingham .



Can you think of any parks in Birmingham?





This park has many different gates .

Talk to the partner next to you . What is a fact file?

A fact file is a factual report on a famous place, someone, service or product . It has important information .



# The Tower of London



The first part of the Tower of London was built by William the Conqueror in 1078 but what we now call the Tower is actually a collection of several different buildings.

The Tower of London has been used for many things since it was first built. Hundreds of years ago it was most famous as a prison where some prisoners were even tortured or killed! Now it is just as famous as the home of the crown jewels which have been kept there since the year 1303.

## Did you know?

The full name of the Tower of London is actually **Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress**.

## Ghosts!

Many people say that the Tower is the most haunted building in England. The most famous ghost is said to be Anne Boleyn. She was married to King Henry VIII but in 1536 he had her head chopped off!!

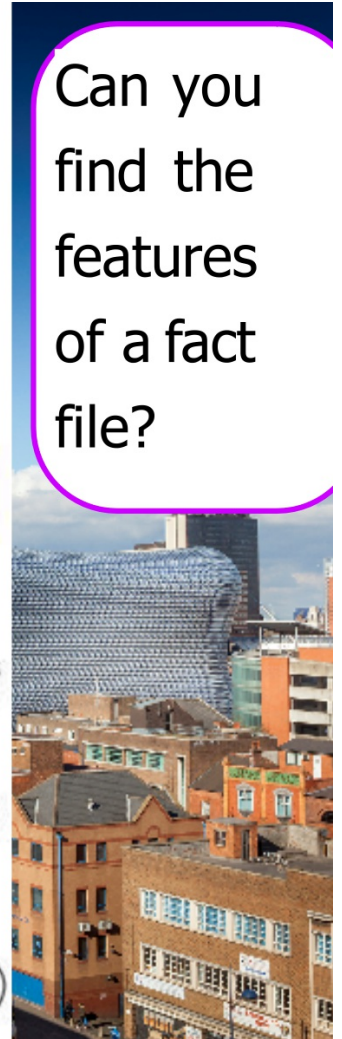
## Locked up!

The most famous people to be locked up in the Tower of London were Queen Elizabeth I and Guy Fawkes.



This was **traitor's gate**. Many prisoners of the tower were brought there by boat.

Can you find the features of a fact file?



## Sutton Park

### About the park

Sutton Park is a 2400 acre National Nature Reserve located 6 miles of the city centre . Its one of the largest urban parks in Europe .

The enormous, green park has open wetlands, woodlands, beautiful, seven lakes and marshes - each with its own rich variety of plants and wildlife . Did you know that cattle and ponies graze on the land?

The visitor centre is about 250 metres on the left from the Town Gate entrance . In the centre, you'll find the toilets, baby changing facilities, a gift shop, interpretive displays and maps . The centre is open all year from 10am to 6pm in the summer and 10am to 4:30pm in the winter .



# Day 2

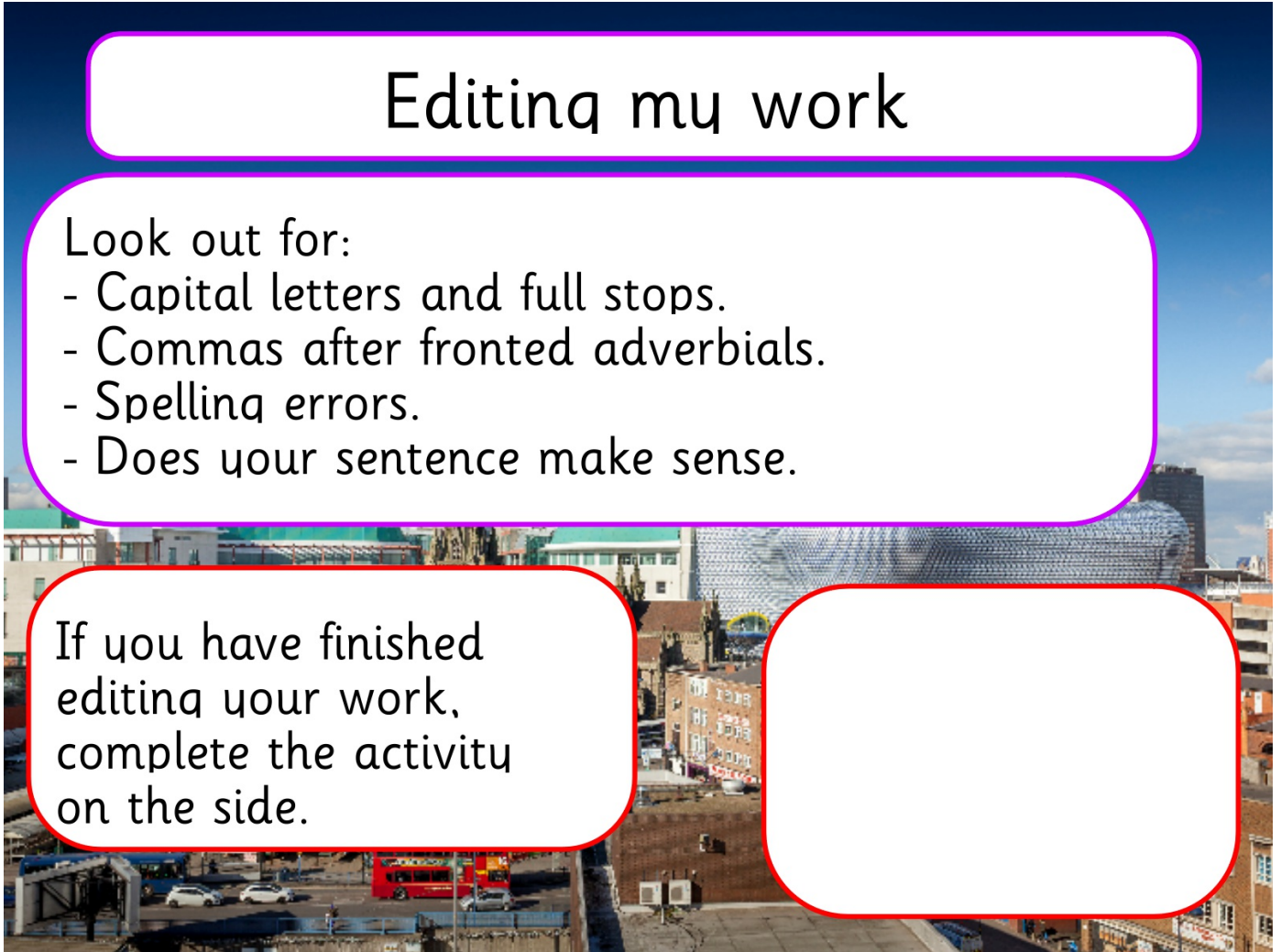


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## So what can you do at Sutton Park?

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Sutton Park is suitable for all - it has two playgrounds for children. One near the Town Gate entrance and one near Banner's Gate entrance.

What if you'd like to grab a bite?

Well, Sutton Park has just the thing for you! It has a number of restaurants in the park. Toby Carver, The Bracebridge, Blackroot Bistro and Miller and Carter.

Donkey Sanctuary

Looking for something to do with your children? Sutton Park support helping donkeys from around the world to live free from suffering.

Jogging, walking, cycling and horse riding

There are dozens of paths and bridleways to explore, running across the park. Additionally, there's a 5 kilometre walking route through the park. Cycling and horse riding are only allowed on the bridleways.

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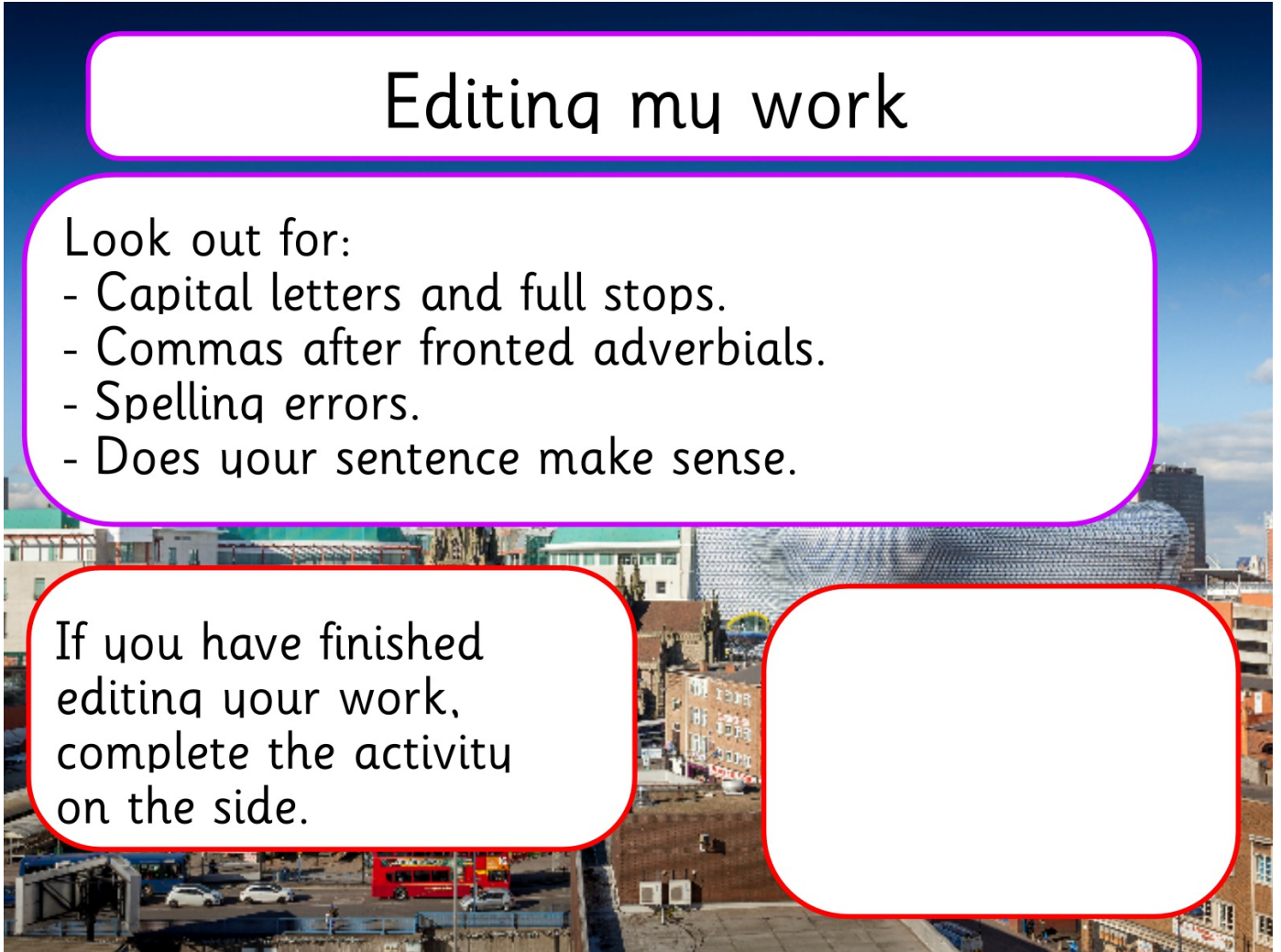


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## Lakes and fishing

Sutton Park has seven lakes, and thousands of anglers fish there every year. These lakes were man-made centuries ago to help to feed the local population

Keepers Pool, Little Bracebridge Pool, Bracebridge Pool and Wyndley Pool were built in the Middle Ages to stock fish. They were constructed by damming small streams. The dam and the quarry created for their construction can still be seen.

Powell's is the largest lake in the park at 48 acres. It was created in 1730 when Sir Thomas Holte had the dam erected. The lake has large quantities of Canadian pond weed and blanket weed that provide a prolific source of food for the fish from the carp family such as bream, roach and tench. It also serves as a hiding place for the lake's predators, pike and perch, which ambush other fish and wildlife from within the plants.





Day 4

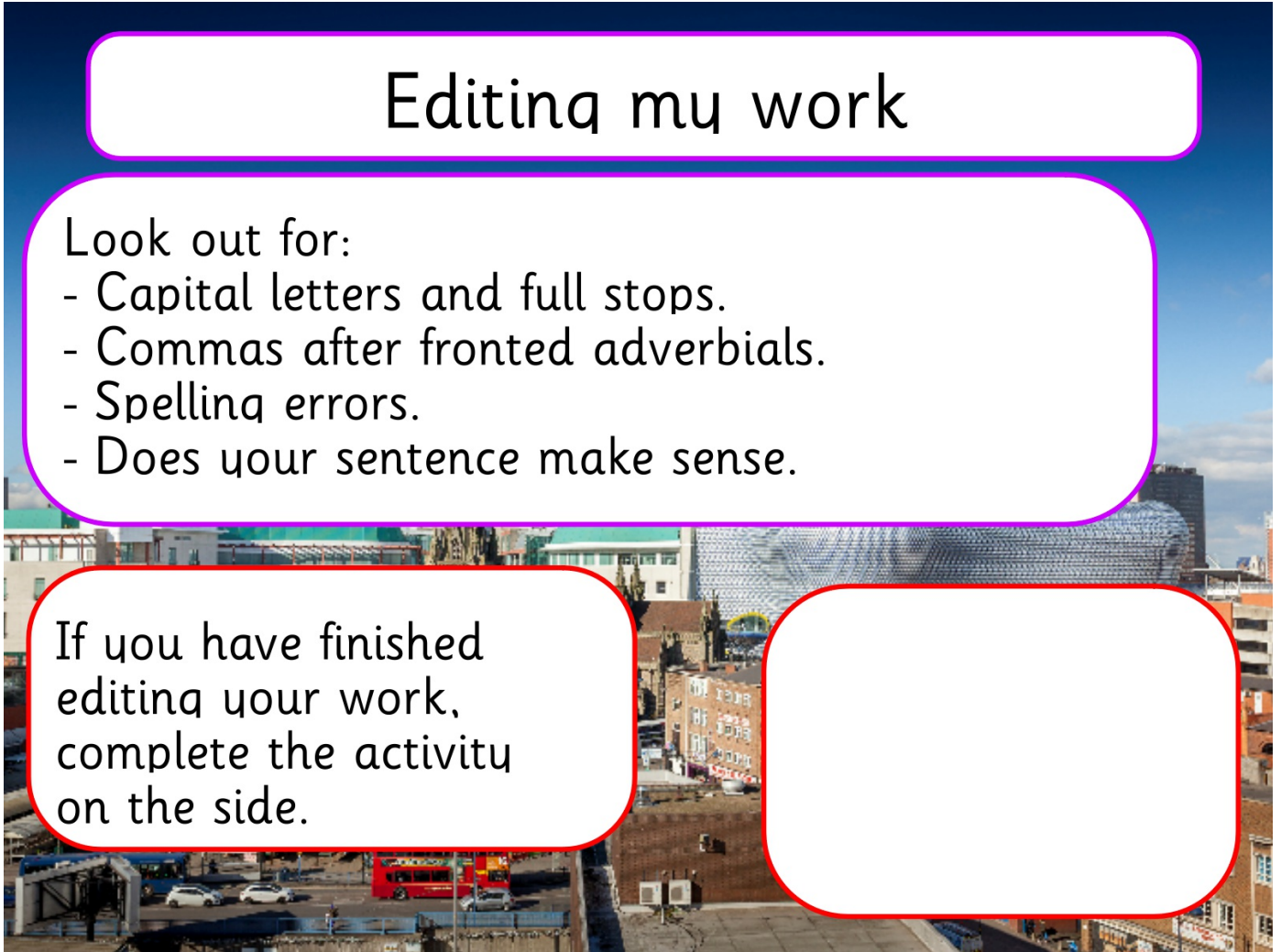


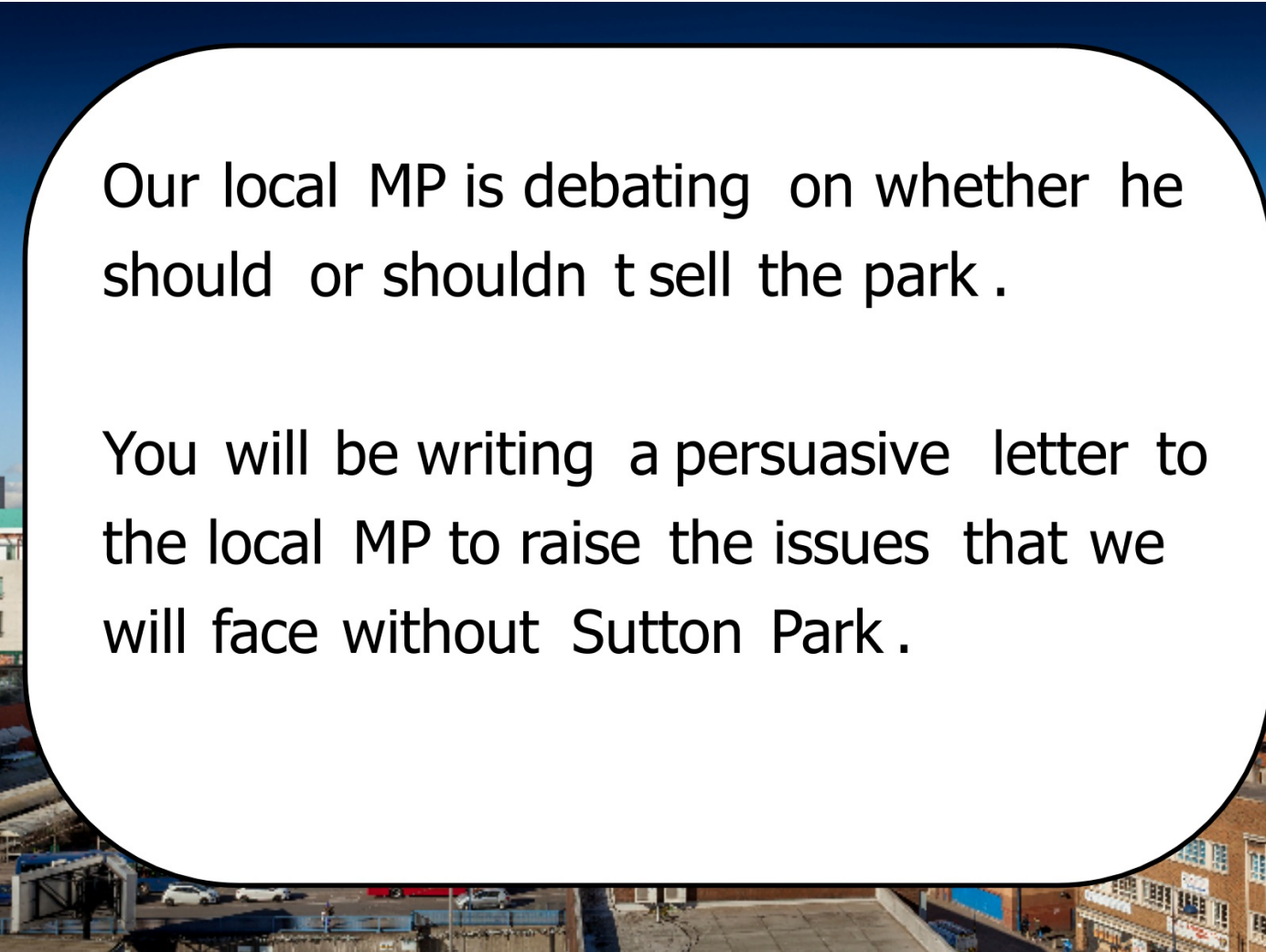
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Our local MP is debating on whether he should or shouldn't sell the park.

You will be writing a persuasive letter to the local MP to raise the issues that we will face without Sutton Park.

What is a persuasive letter?  
What does it look like?  
What are the features of a persuasive letter?



To the local MP,

I am writing to you today to express my concern about the future of Sutton Park in our town. As you may have heard, plans are currently being discussed to sell the park and use the land as a new housing development. This is extremely worrying for a number of reasons:

Firstly, the park is currently home to a wide range of wildlife whose home will be lost. While walking there with my family over the past few years, we have seen a wide range of birds and small animals at different times. I have spoken to local conservationists and they are extremely worried about the impact that these plans will have. Derek Evergreen, of the local wildlife watch group said "This park has been home to foxes, rabbits, badgers and many other small creatures for hundreds of years. What do you think will happen to the plants and animals living here if these plans go ahead?"

Secondly, there are very few local places that our families can go together for an enjoyable day out. I know that many of you have young children and they enjoy exploring the woods in Sutton Park. The nature trail and play areas have been extremely popular since they were built last year, at a cost of over ten thousand pounds. Surely, you don't agree that destroying this is a good idea? What a waste of money! Our families deserve to have safe places to relax and spend time together outdoors. Why do the council want to take this away from us?

Day 5

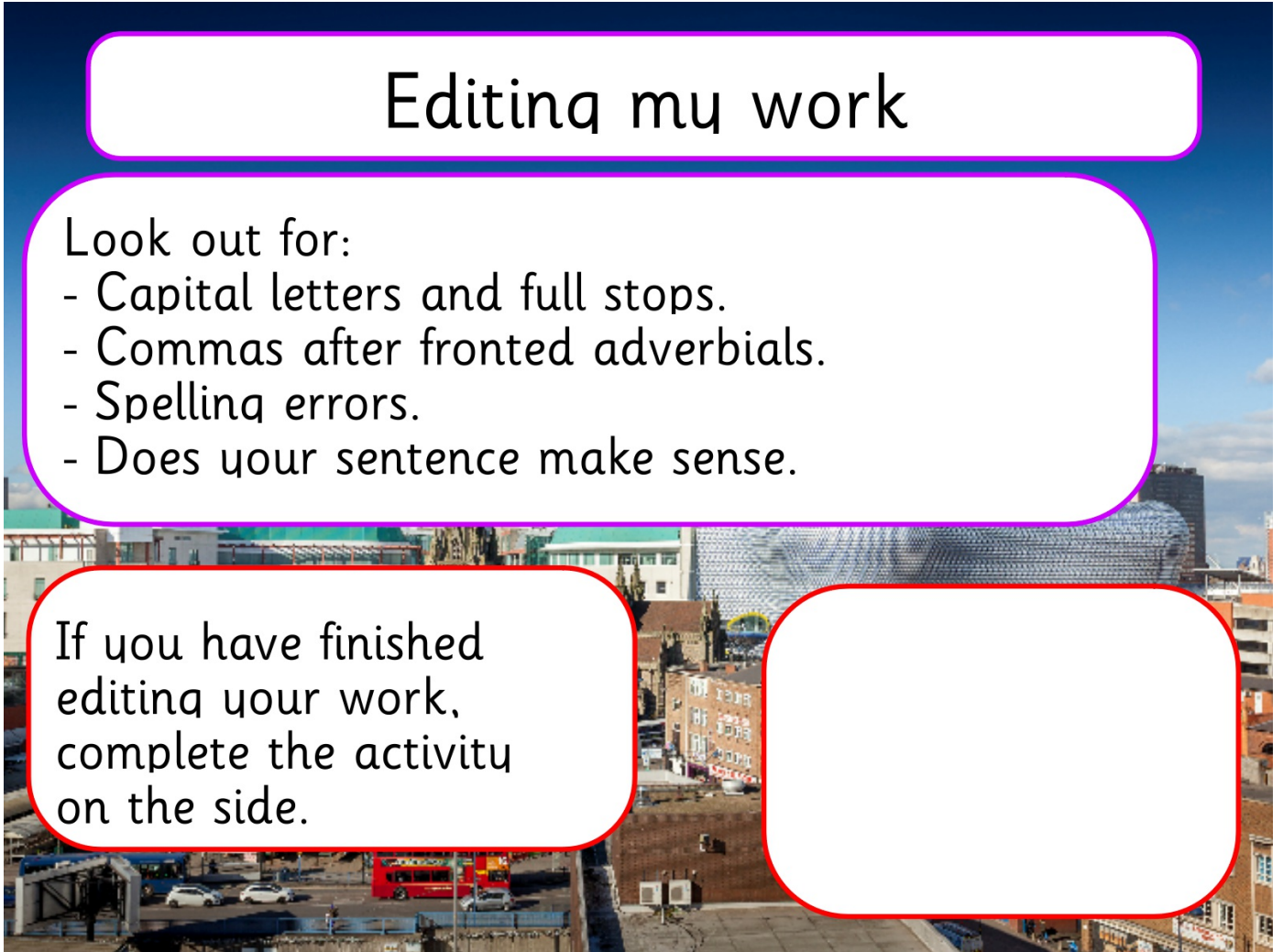


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Finally, as you know, obesity is becoming an increasing problem in our country, so we should have more places to exercise, not less. The paths and walkways around Sutton Park were used on a daily basis by joggers, people walking their dogs and families going for a stroll. If we take away this park, people will be forced to exercise on the paths along our busy roads, which could cause accidents, injuries and possibly deaths.

I understand that our local council has recently had its budget cut, but selling our local park is an outrageous way to raise money. If you agree, you must take action now by writing to your local MP and council members to demand that they reject these plans. I also hope that you will come along to the public debate next Thursday evening to express your views.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Aluriya



