

Assembly Resource

Read the information below, which explores the difference between traditional parks and adventure parks. Can you make a list of the pros and cons of each and consider which you prefer overall?

Traditional Park



What is it? A traditional park contains equipment, fixed into place with things like slides, climbing frames or swings, a fence around the edge and flooring that is usually soft and bouncy.

How safe is it? Most parks and play areas in the UK need to meet very strict safety standards. This means things like the floors need to be soft, to cushion any falls and there will be lots of fences for protection. Though, of course, accidents can still happen!

Adventure or Junk Playground



What is it? A more natural and creative space that contains many different items for children to build their own play area. Things like old crates, rope and natural objects such as stones or trees to climb might be included.

How safe is it? The risks and dangers are up to the children using the area. The space will provide choices that will come with risk. The aim is that children will explore their boundaries and learn from their mistakes.