



## Terraces

A terrace is the flat space created by digging into or building out from a hillside. Terrace spaces can 'respond' subtly and or distinctively through juxtaposition to or subordination of the contouring and scale of the existing (natural) topography. Geometric interventions can be exciting when they 'reveal' or 'balance' natural topogra-

phies but are bleak when over-scaled or ineffectively juxtaposed. Terraces are commonly used to link architecture with landscape, especially in gardens, and frequently become extensions of living space. Terraces can affect microclimate positively and negatively by creating both shady and sunny retaining walls.