

Timesaver London!

(Elementary – Intermediate)

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Elementary
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Pre-intermediate
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Intermediate
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The clock symbol at the top of each new topic indicates approximately how many minutes the reading section and extension activity should take.

Most of the pages in this book will need no further explanation. The elementary pages contain interactive sections of text alongside short reading passages. In the later pre-intermediate and intermediate pages, there is usually a reading page on the left and an exploitation page on the right-hand side, but occasionally a one-page topic which contains combined factual text and an integrated exercise.

The levels

The language used in the book extends from elementary level through to intermediate. In some cases, the grammatical structures will be simple, but the vocabulary may be a bit more obscure which is why you may find a page classified under pre-intermediate rather than elementary level.

Follow-up projects

Where possible we have included website addresses so that you can do further research. However, as always, please be warned that although the sites were checked before going to press, the nature of websites and their content can change or the entire site may become inactive.

The vocabulary check lists

You will notice that there are short vocabulary check lists accompanying each topic. We suggest that before you begin a topic, you photocopy the word check list or copy it onto the board to see if students can predict what they think the topic is going to be. Take a vote to see what the majority of students think it is. If there are several different suggestions, see if the students representing one opinion can persuade others from a

different group by giving reasons for certain words being in the list. At this stage they don't have to translate all the words in the list. The meanings of some of the words will be deduced from their context in the reading passage.

You can allocate one word from the check list to each student in advance of the lesson, and then get them to explain to the rest of the class what it means and how it is pronounced.

Using the map

On pages 6 & 7 you will find a rough map of London which tries to include as many of the locations mentioned in this book as possible. Those which are too far from the centre are indicated with directional arrows.

Using the key to the map (on page 5), you can practise numbers as well as teaching your students a lot of basic London geography.

Ask, for example:

Can you see number 4 on the map?
Which other numbers are near it? (5 and 6)
Which two places/numbers is it between?
Students can then guess what they think it might be.

Alternatively, you could ask:

What number do you think the Tower of London is? and see how many students get it right.

You can enlarge the map on a photocopier and this will then give students a bit more space to write in the names of the places next to the numbers if you call them out as a dictation exercise.

As further extension work, get students to work with actual maps of London and see what other landmarks they can identify and add to their own photocopied maps, eg 10, Downing Street, the home of the Prime Minister, Covent Garden, Baker Street, or Waterloo Station.

Once you have done quite a lot of pages from the book, you could ask students to look at their copies of the map and ask people to talk for a few minutes about 'number...' on the map, since they will have learned quite a lot of facts by doing the activities in this book, eg, Anna, can you talk for five minutes about number 3?

If the nominated student is struggling to remember or to put their thoughts into English, you can ask for other volunteers to help them out.

	1	Heathrow Airport	19	Oxford Street
I	2	The London Eye	20	Chinatown
I	3	The Tower of	21	Wimbledon
I		London	22	Battersea
I	4	Big Ben	23	London Aquarium
I	5	Houses of Parliament	24	London Zoo
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I		Museum	27	Richmond Park
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	17	Piccadilly Circus	36	Festival Hall
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Background information

History

The history of London as a permanent settlement stretches back almost two thousand years. The city has no known founder. Shortly after the Roman conquest of 43 AD, the invaders grasped the strategic significance of the River Thames, slicing through the flattest, most fertile portion of their new province, its estuary providing easy access to the European mainland. Londinium, as it was then known, became a thriving city.

With the collapse of Roman administration, Londinium was abandoned in the fifth century. The invading Anglo-Saxons were farmers who gradually pushed the native Romano-British westwards. They had no taste for city life and preferred to found villages which are now London's suburbs or satellites such as Fulham, Mitcham, Ealing and Barking.

The Norman invasion of 1066 was marked by the construction of the Tower of London, which protected London Bridge from raiders coming upstream and was built to overawe its inhabitants as a symbol and embodiment of royal power.

London was devastated by the epidemic of bubonic plague, known as the Black Death, which carried off a third of the population in 1348-9.

The population of London tripled under the Tudors, making it the greatest city in Britain – almost a hundred times more populous than the Stratford-on-Avon in which Shakespeare grew up before coming to the

Globe Theatre as actor-manager. Two devastating events took place during the reign of Charles II – the Great Plague in 1665, and the Great Fire of London which destroyed many of the city's most beautiful buildings a year later in 1666. Although half the city was destroyed, only six people were injured.

By 1700, London's population had passed the half-million mark, ranking it with Paris and Naples as one of Europe's three largest cities. However, with the Industrial Revolution in the nineteenth century, squalor and poverty accompanied its rapid growth. Charles Dickens chronicled much of this in his novels.

When Edward VII ascended the throne in 1901, London was the largest city in the world, with a population of over six million. A century later it is still the largest city in Europe.

Facts and figures

Population: 7.19 million. This means that one in eight of the UK population live in London. 47% of these people are aged 16 to 44 and one in four of London's population is from an ethnic minority.

Language: Over 200 languages are spoken in London. London is a global centre for international business with over 25% of the world's largest companies having their European headquarters in London

Parks: Almost a third of London is green space or parks (many of which are Royal Parks) – more than any other city of its size in the world.

Transport: There are 20,000 licensed taxis in London, 20,000 buses and 275 underground stations.

Food and drink: There are 6,000 restaurants and 5,000 pubs and bars. The restaurants serve food from seventy different countries.

Historic buildings: London has 151 historic buildings and ancient monuments and 33 historic gardens. There are over 18,000 historically listed buildings in London, nearly 600 of which are Grade I listed (ie extremely important) and 21% of which are within the borough of Westminster. There are three world heritage sites in London: the Tower of London, Maritime Greenwich and Westminster Abbey.

Entertainment: London has over 200 museums, 500 cinema screens and 108 theatres and music halls. There are 1,500 drama groups, 600 dance groups and five symphony orchestras.

Sport: 95 golf courses, 50 athletics tracks, 2000 tennis courts, seven ice rinks, 546 swimming pools, 37 rowing clubs, 12 professional football teams, two county cricket clubs and six race courses all within an hour of London.

Tourism: In 2002, 28 million people visited for at least one night.

How to use the map

This bright and stimulating map shows the main areas and landmarks of central London and its surrounding area. We have tried to include as many of the locations mentioned in *Timesaver London!* as possible. Those which are too far from the centre are indicated with directional arrows.

The London Uncovered! map is a great visual stimulus which will brighten up your classroom and act as a motivating context for students as they work through the activities in the book. It can be used in conjunction with the students' photocopiable map on pages 6 & 7 of Timesaver London! In addition, you might like to try the further exploitation ideas below.

Yes / No questions game

Classwork or pairwork

Target language: Is it ...? Can you ...? Does it have ...? Is / are there ...?

- 1 One student in the class or pair chooses a landmark on the map. They mustn't tell the rest of the class where it is.
- 2 The other students ask questions to deduce where the landmark is. Student A can only answer 'Yes' or 'No'. Give students a limit to the number of questions they can ask eight, for example.

Note

Encourage students to use information they've learnt from *Timesaver London!* in their questions.

Possible questions

Is it in North / East / South / West London?
Is it near a park / the river?
Is it a building?
Can you buy clothes there?
Can you see paintings there?
Can you play / watch sport there?

Directions game: Where am I?

Classwork

Target language: Cross the river / bridge. Turn left / right into Go / walk past Go / walk along

- 1 Give students a copy of the photocopiable map from *Timesaver London!* (pages 6 & 7). Choose one student from the class. Ask them to choose one of the landmarks on the *London Uncovered!* map. They mustn't tell the rest of the class where it is.
- 2 Ask another student in the class to choose the starting location for the class, for example: We are at the Tate Modern.
- **3** The student you have chosen gives directions to their location.

Example: Cross over the river. Turn left into Fleet Street. Walk along the Strand. Walk past Buckingham Palace. Turn into Park Lane and turn left.

The rest of the class has to follow their directions, either on their maps or on the poster.

4 When the destination is reached, students ask if they have the right location, for example: *Are you in Hyde Park?*

Note

This game can also be played in pairs. Early finishers can sit near the poster and play it.

Comparatives and superlatives game

Groupwork

Target language: more ... than, not as ... as, less ... than, the ...-est, one of the ...-est, the best place to ..., etc.

- 1 Put students in groups of four. Ask them to look at the map, and the *Timesaver London!* worksheets that they have completed. They have to decide as a group where they would most like to visit.
- **2** Give students a time limit of ten minutes to list as many reasons as they can for visiting the place they have chosen. Tell them to use as many superlatives as possible. They can use their *Timesaver London!* worksheets to help them.

Example:

The London Eye gives the best views of London.
It's the most exciting thing to do in London.
It's one of the tallest structures in London.
It's the most contemporary structure in London etc.

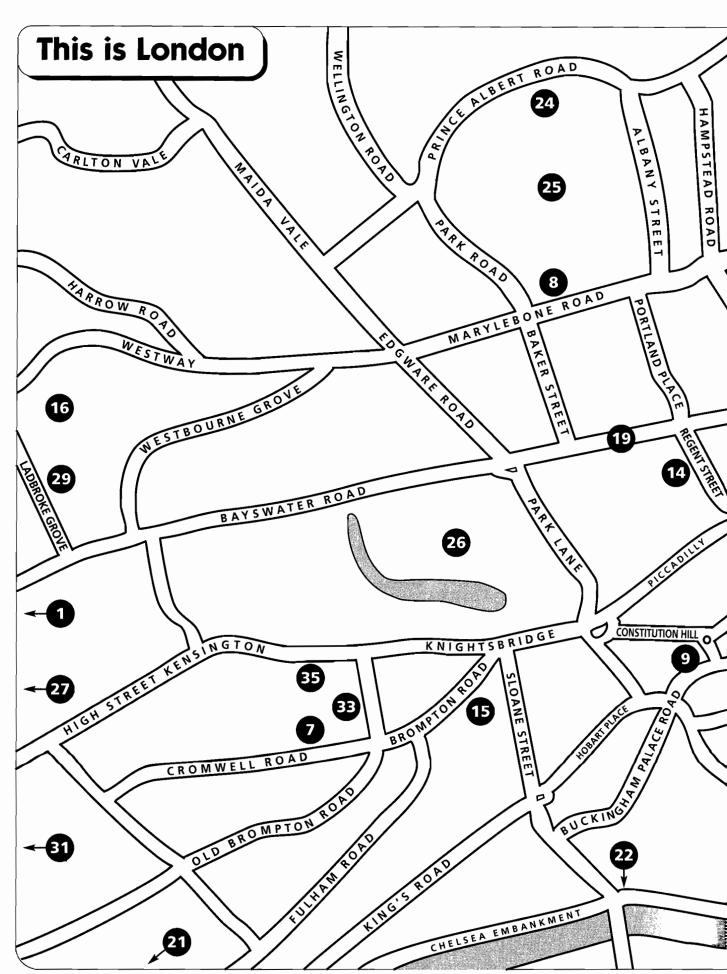
- **3** Get one student from each group to write their landmark on the board. Each group reads out their list. For each correct sentence they receive one point. For each superlative they use, they receive a bonus point.
- 4 Ask each group to give a comparative sentence, saying why their landmark is better than rival groups. For each correct sentence, they receive a point.

Example:

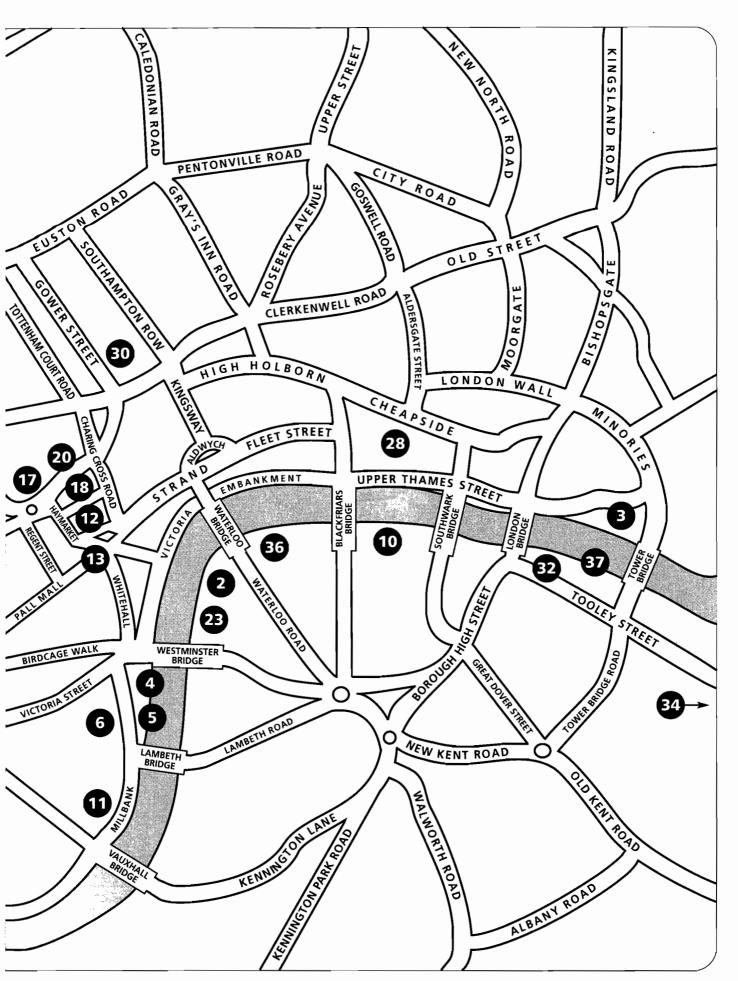
The London Eye is cheaper than Madame Tussaud's.
The London Dungeon is more interesting than
Harrods etc

5 The group with the most points wins.











Arriving in London

Most people who come to London come by plane. There are five airports for London, but the most famous and popular are Heathrow and Gatwick.

Find the five airports and write the names in the correct places.

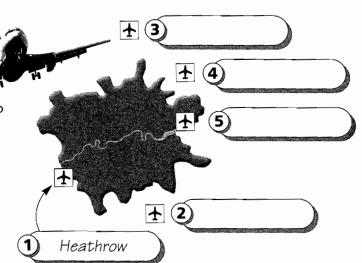
> **Heathrow:** This is the busiest* airport in the world. It's west of London.

Gatwick: This airport is for many people going to holiday destinations*. It's south of London.

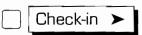
Stansted: This airport is good for cheap* flights. It's north-east of London.

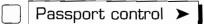
Luton: This airport is in a town north of London. It's also a good airport for cheap flights.

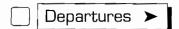
City: This is a small airport near the city of London. It's for short flights and business flights.



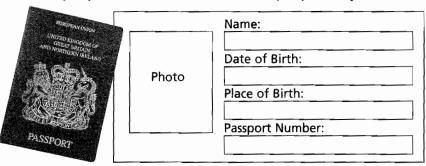
2) You land in London and get off* the plane. You see three signs*. Where do you go?





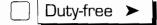


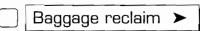
A British passport looks like this. Now fill in a passport for yourself.



Now you need to find your bags and suitcases. Where do you go?

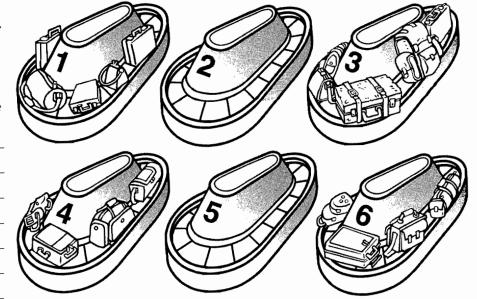






You are in the baggage hall. You arrive from Lisbon, Portugal. You have got a large rucksack and a large old suitcase. Where's your luggage?

Arrivals	Flight number	•	
Barcelona	BA 2549871	13:40	4
Warsaw	LOT 2377877	delayed	_
Berlin	LH 588910	13:45	1
Lisbon	BA 097177	14:00	3
Milan	ALIT 324417	14:05	6
Vienna	AUST 71928	delayed	_





5)	You want to	leave the	airport. V	Vhere do	vou ao?
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Gates 1-10 ➤

Exit. ➤

Entrance ➤

To get to the centre of London from the airport is very easy. You can go by bus, train or taxi.

6) Many visitors go to the centre of London by train. Look at the leaflets and fill in the information.

stansted express

Stansted Express is a fast way to and from Stansted Airport, with trains every 15 or 30 minutes from Liverpool Street Station. And with a journey time of 45 minutes, the Stansted Express is a quick way to your destination. A single ticket costs £13.00.

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- Fast trains take 30 minutes to London
- £10.00 one way between London and **Luton Airport Parkway**

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VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

busiest (from busy)

destinations

cheap

to get off

signs (a sign)

convenient

Name of airport	Where do you arrive?	How long does it take?	How much does it cost?
Heathrow			
Gatwick			
Stansted	-		
Luton			

www.baa.co.uk/main/airports/heathrow

London Transport

Seven million people live in London. How do they travel?

London taxis

- London taxis are black.
- There are 18,300 black taxis in London.
- Taxi drivers take a test* called 'the knowledge' before they are taxi drivers. They study for two years to take this test.
- You can stop a taxi when the orange light* is on.
- All cars (but not black taxis) in London pay £5.00 a day (called 'the congestion charge') to drive into the centre.

London buses

- London buses are red.
- There are 20,000 buses in London.
- Oxford Street has more bus stops than any other street.



- Every day 4.5 million people go on a bus in London.
- In the centre of London you must buy your ticket before you get on* the bus.

Help the tourist!

There are many buses in London. Match the bus and its destination.



Help! There are so many buses in London! Which bus do I take for

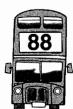
For the London Eye,

take bus number one.



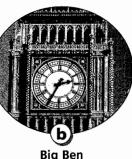








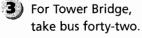
Buckingham

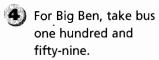


Big Ben

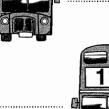
take bus number eighty-eight.

For Piccadilly Circus,

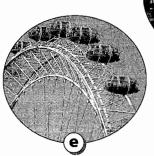




For Buckingham Palace, go to Victoria station. Take bus number eleven.

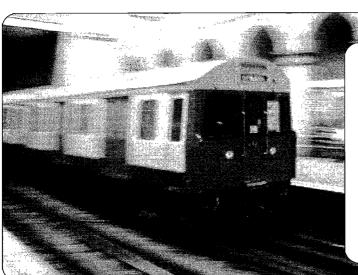






Tower Bridge





The London Underground

- The underground is called 'the tube'.
- There are 275 stations in London.
- Every hour, 150,000 people go on the tube.
- Every year people leave -11,500 umbrellas on tube trains.
- Rats and mice live in the underground.



Tickets and Travelcards

Most Londoners don't buy single or return tickets. They have got travelcards. With a travelcard you can travel on buses, trains and the underground. You can buy a one-day, weekly, monthly or yearly travelcard. To buy a weekly, monthly or yearly travelcard, you need a photo.

Put the correct information in the weekly travel card.

Zones 1 2 3 • £27.00 • BMM 8141 • John Collins • Mr • (Photo) • weekly • 14 Aug 03

PHOTOC	ARD ₹
	Name: Miss / Mr / Mrs
	BMM 8141

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Ticket type	Price	
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Buying a ticket or travelcard. Read the dialogue.

The words please and thank you are not in the dialogue. Put them in the correct places.

Tourist: A one-day travelcard to London, Travel assistant: That's £4.90 Tourist: Here's £5.00. Travel assistant: Here's your ticket and change. Tourist:

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

to take a test

light

to get on (the bus)

Act out the dialogue with your partner.

www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/promotionintro.shtm



Going by Tube

Read the instructions and colour the Tube map. Start at the spot (•). Choose alternate* letters in the circles to find the name of each line*.

1) RED

This line* runs through the centre of London and it joins Holland Park to Liverpool Street. Liverpool Street is also a railway station. This line goes under Oxford Street and the stations on Oxford Street are Marble Arch, Bond Street, Oxford Circus and Tottenham Court Road.

It's the Central Line.



This line goes through Notting Hill Gate, Edgware Road, Barbican, Tower Hill, Embankment, Victoria, South Kensington, and back to Notting Hill Gate again. Tower Hill is the Tube stop* for the Tower of London. South Kensington is the Tube stop for the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum. Westminster is the Tube stop for the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, and Notting Hill is the stop for Portobello Market.

It's the Line.

3) DARK BLUE

This line goes from King's Cross (a railway station) through Covent Garden, Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square, Knightsbridge and Earl's Court. Knightsbridge is the Tube stop for Harrods. Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square are in the West End. This is the name for the area* with theatres, cinemas, restaurants and shops. Heathrow Airport is at the end of this Tube line.

4) LIGHT BLUE

This line also goes through King's Cross. It goes through Oxford Street, Green Park and Victoria, and down to Pimlico. Pimlico is the Tube stop for Tate Britain. You can go from Tate Britain to Tate Modern (near St Paul's Cathedral) by boat. It's called Tate to Tate.

5) BLACK

This line goes from Euston (a railway station) to Tottenham Court Road, Charing Cross (another railway station) and then to Waterloo. Tottenham Court Road is the stop for the British Museum. You can go by Eurostar train in Waterloo Station to France and Belgium. Another part* of this line goes from King's Cross, through Bank and on to London Bridge.

It's the Line.

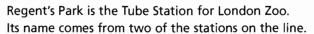
6) GREEN

This line goes from Tower Hill through St James's Park to Earl's Court. After Earl's Court, one part goes to Wimbledon in the south (not on the map), and one part goes to Richmond (not on the map). From Earl's Court it goes up to Paddington (a railway station) and ends at Edgware Road. St James's Park is the Tube stop for Buckingham Palace.

It's the Line.

7) BROWN

This line goes from Paddington, through Baker Street and Regent's Park and on to Waterloo. Baker Street is the Tube stop for Madame Tussauds Museum and



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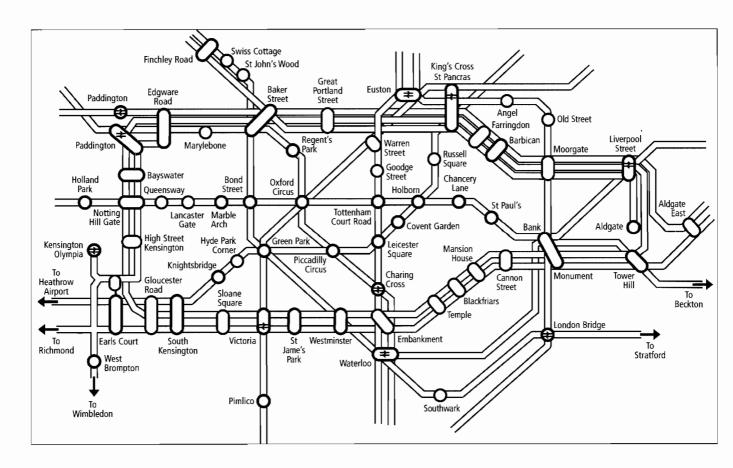
8) PINK

This line goes from Paddington to Baker Street, Barbican and Liverpool Street. The Barbican is an area of London with a large theatre and concert hall. The Museum of London is in the Barbican.



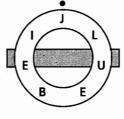
It's the Line.





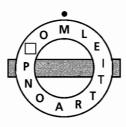
9) GREY

This line goes from Baker Street to Bond Street, Westminster, and on to Waterloo and London Bridge. It continues* east to Docklands, the area along the River Thames (not on the map).



10) PURPLE

This line goes from Aldgate and through Liverpool Street to Baker Street. After Baker Street it goes north to the suburbs* in the north west. You use this line to go to Wembley Arena for pop concerts.



It's the Line.

11) ORANGE

This line has got two stops: Waterloo and Bank. It takes people to work in the City of London.



12) WHITE

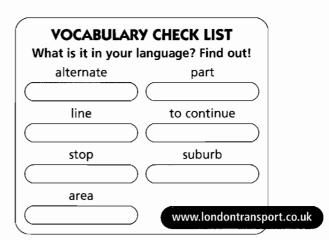
This line goes from Bank and also from Tower Hill and it goes to Docklands in the east of London.



It's the Line.

Finish these sentences:

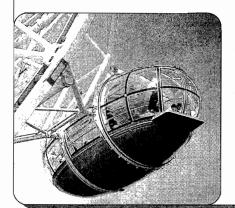
- a) St Paul's is stops from Tottenham Court Road.
- b) Bayswater is between and
- c) Hyde Park Corner is on the Line.





The London Eye

If you want to see London, the best place to go is the Eye. The Eye is a big wheel* on the River Thames.



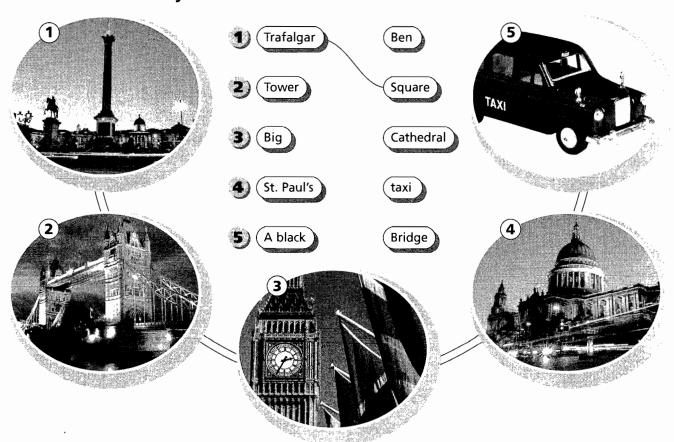
The Eye is very popular. Every day 1600 people go on the Eye. There are 33 capsules* and one ride takes 30 minutes.

The Eye is very tall - 133 metres. At the top of the Eye you get a great view* of London. You can see for 25 miles (40 kilometres) but don't go if you are afraid of* heights*!



A great view!

At the top of the Eye you can see many places in London. Here are 5 things you can see from the Eye. Match the word halves to make these London icons.



Imagine you are	133 metres	high in	your town .	/ city.	What places	can you see?



How much does it cost?

You want to visit the London Eye. Here is the London Eye price list.



The London Eye Price list		
Adult:	£11.00	
Child (5-15 years):	£5.50	
Under fives:	free	
Senior (over 60 years):	£10.00	
Group ticket (10 people):	£100.00	
Romantic flight with champagne:	£40.00	
We accept credit cards		



Look at these five different groups of people. How much does it cost them to go on the Eye?



These were the prices at the time of publishing this book. Go to the Internet site www.londoneye.com and click on "plan your visit" and then "prices". Find out how much the prices are.

You don't need to book tickets. You can buy tickets on the day for the Eye. Work in pairs. One of you works at the Eye and one of you is a visitor. Imagine you are taking your family / friends on the Eye. Ask for tickets. How much do they cost?

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

wheel

capsule

view

to be afraid of

heights

www.londoneye.com



The Tower of London

The Tower of London is London's oldest castle*. It's nine hundred years old. It's got Beefeaters, ravens, the crown jewels and ghosts...!

Beefeaters



Beefeaters don't eat beef! They protect* the Tower. The name 'Beefeater' comes from when the Queen gave them meat, not money, as their pay. Beefeaters like the name Yeoman Warders. Forty Beefeaters (or Yeoman Warders) live at the Tower.

I want to live at the Tower.

I don't want to live at the Tower.

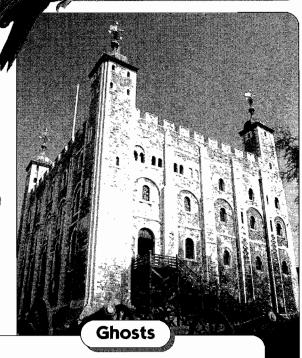


Ravens*

They are scary birds. There are seven ravens here. If they leave the Tower it is very bad luck. Every day the ravens eat meat, eggs and biscuits with blood*. Yuk!

I like the ravens.

I don't like the ravens.



The Crown Jewels

The Crown Jewels are in the Jewel Room. The royal crown has got three hundred jewels on it, but the Queen only wears the crown once* every year!

What jewellery have you got?

I've got

The Tower has got many ghosts. There are ghosts in the Salt Tower. Dogs don't like to go in the Salt Tower and Beefeaters don't like to go in there at night.

Are you afraid of ghosts?

Nο Yes

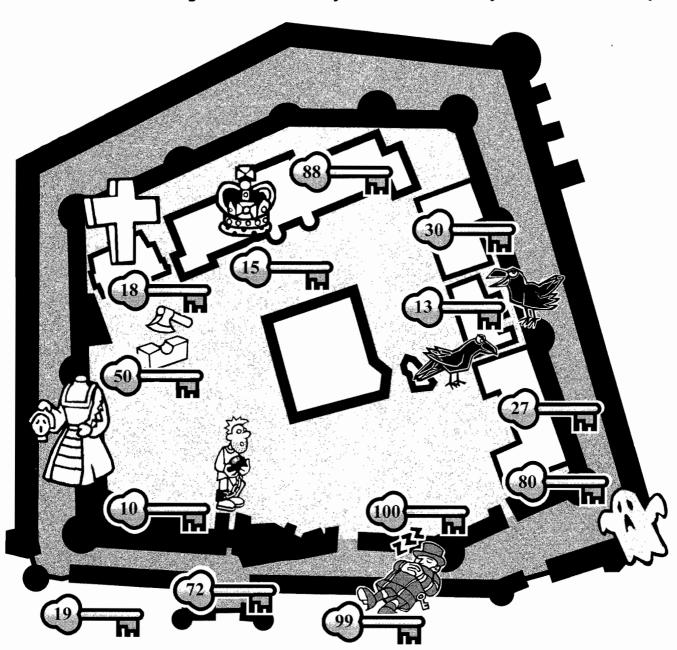
Numbers search

Find these numbers in the text.



Escape from the Tower

You are a prisoner*. You want to escape from the Tower. Read the sentences and go to the correct key in the Tower. Draw your route on the map.



- 1) Take key number ten.
- 2) Go to key number fifteen. Run! There are Beefeaters here!
- **3)** Go in the room. You see the crown. Take key eighty-eight and the crown.
- **4)** Go to key thirty. Open the door.
- **5)** Oh no! Ghosts! Run to key seventy-two.
- **6**) You see a Beefeater. He is sleeping. Take key ninety-nine. Open the door and run!

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST What is it in your language? Find out!		
castle	blood	
to protect	once	
ravens	prisoner	

www.hrp.org.uk/webcode/tower_home.asp



The River Thames

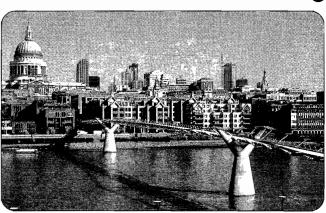
London is the home of England's most famous and important river: the Thames. Many important places in London are next to the Thames. You can find the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London and the London Eye on the riverside.

- The Thames is a short river. It's only 349 km long. The Amazon, in Brazil is 6,437 km long!
- Many people think the Thames is not clean but this is not true. More than 97 types of fish live here, for example salmon* and eels*. Eels are a traditional food in East London. People make a pie and serve it with mashed potatoes*. It's called 'eel pie and mash'.
- Two years ago, a dolphin* was in the Thames!

What's the name of the river in your capital city?	
How long is it?	
It's long.	



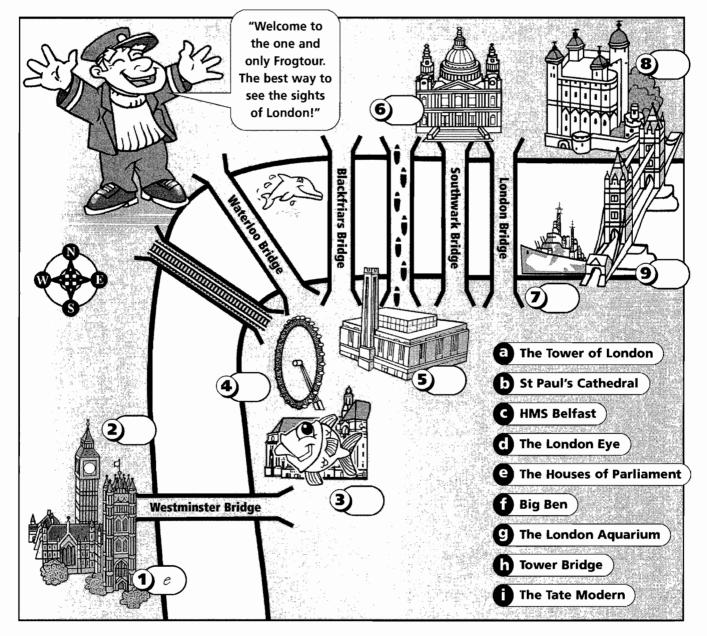
Frogtours!



How do you go sightseeing without all the traffic? You can take a Frogtour. A frogboat is a tank for tourists. It travels on the road and on the river...but be careful - you get wet* on this tour!

You are on a frogboat in the Thames. Listen to your captain, draw the route and write the letters of the places you see in the correct boxes.





- Before we go under Westminster Bridge, you can see the Houses of Parliament. You can hear Big Ben!
- Do you like fish? Opposite The Houses of Parliament is the London Aquarium.
- Next to the Aquarium is The London Eye. You get the best view of London here!
- Now we're going under four bridges. One bridge is for walking only. On the south side there is Tate Modern, an art gallery. On the north side you can see St Paul's Cathedral.
- We're going under two bridges. You can see a large ship in front of us. This is HMS Belfast, it's a museum ship.
- Opposite HMS Belfast is the home of the Crown Jewels and the Beefeaters. This is the Tower of London. Now we're stopping here in front of London's most beautiful bridge, Tower Bridge.

VOC	ABULARY CHE	CK LIST What is it in yo	ur language? Find out	:!
salmon	eel	mashed potato	dolphin	to get wet

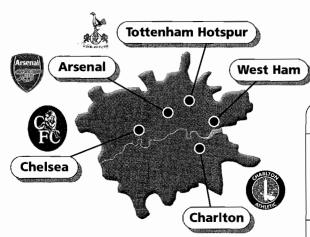
www.frogtours.com



London Football Clubs

What is London's favourite sport? Football of course! There are twenty-three football teams* in London. The biggest and most popular are Chelsea, Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham and Charlton.

Here are the most important football teams in London.





Colours: Claret (a kind of purple) and blue

Nickname: The Hammers Stadium: Upton Park www.whufc.com

West Ham star ex-player: David James

Date of birth: 1st August 1970

Height: 1.96 metres Weight: 91.25 kilograms

Club: Tottenham Hotspur

Colours: White and blue Nickname: Spurs

Stadium: White Hart Lane

www.spurs.co.uk

Spurs star player: Robbie Keane Date of birth: 8th July 1980

Height: 1.75 metres Weight: 63.56 kilograms



Club: Chelsea

Colours: Blue Nickname: The Blues Stadium: Stamford Bridge www.chelseafc.com

Chelsea star player: Hernan Crespo Date of birth: 5th July 1975

Height: 1.85 metres Weight: 78 kilograms



Club: Arsenal

Colours: Red and white

Nickname*: The Gunners / The Gooners

Stadium: Highbury www.arsenal.com

Arsenal star player: Robert Pires Date of birth: 29 October 1973

Height: 1.88 metres Weight: 74 kilograms



Which player ...

- 1 ...is the tallest?
- 2 ...is the oldest?
- 3 ...is the heaviest*?
- 4 ...has got the longest hair?

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Mascots

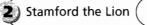
Most football clubs have mascots*. Here are four mascots from the London clubs. Can you match them to their clubs?

- a) West Ham
- c) Tottenham Hotspur
- **b)** Arsenal
- d) Chelsea

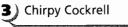




Gunnersaurus Rex





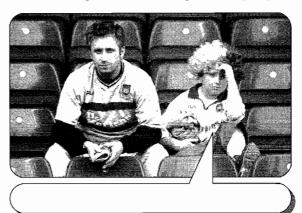


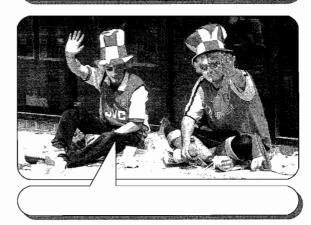


Herbie Hammer

The Fans

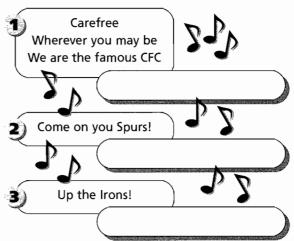
Here are two West Ham fans and two Arsenal fans. What do you think they are saying?





Football chants*

Here are three chants. Which clubs do you hear them at?

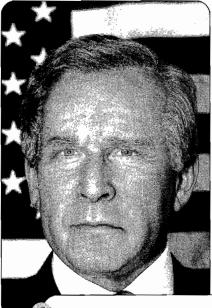


VOCABULARY CHECK LIST What is it in your language? Find out!					
team	nickn a me	heaviest	mascot	chant	



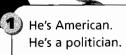
Madame Tussauds

There are more than one hundred museums in London. The most popular museum is Madame Tussauds, the waxwork* museum. It has so many visitors that you can wait for up to an hour in the queue*.



At Madame Tussauds you can meet hundreds of famous people in one day. It's got wax models of pop stars, sports stars, film stars and politicians. It's even got a Chamber of Horrors, with famous criminals*... Don't go there if you are afraid*!

Look at these four wax models. Which famous people are they?







She's a Latino. She's a singer and an actress.



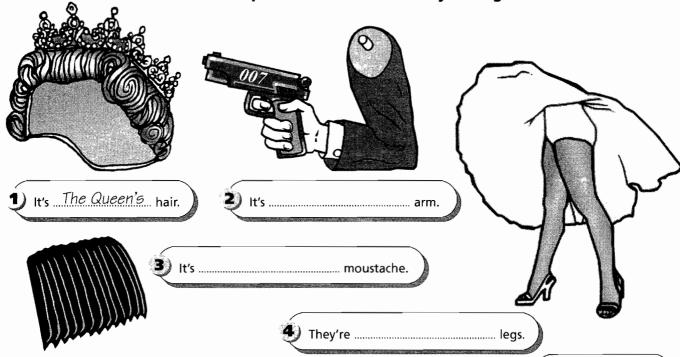
3) He's English. He's a football player.

Do you think the wax figures look like the real famous people?

1) It looks like him. It doesn't look like him.	2 It looks like her. It doesn't look like her. It doesn't look like him. It doesn't look like him.
1 It looks like her. It doesn't look like her.	Do you look like a famous person? I look like

In the modelling room

You are in the wax work modelling room. You find lots of body parts. Which famous person's waxwork do they belong to?



Now work in pairs. Draw a famous person's body part. Your partner must guess who it is, e.g. Is it Spiderman's arm? Is it J-Lo's hair?

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

waxwork

queue

criminals

to be afraid

www.madame-tussauds.com



Buckingham Palace

Would you like to live in a house with 600 rooms, 78 bathrooms, a cinema, a swimming pool and a post office?

This is the Queen's London home, Buckingham Palace. The Queen has four other palaces in Britain, but this is her most famous home. If the Queen's flag* is flying outside the palace, it means that the Queen is at home. If you are in London between August and October,

you can go inside Buckingham Palace. You can see the State dining room, ballroom, the Queen's gallery with all her paintings* and the mews where the royal coaches* and horses are. But you can't see all of the rooms. The palace is too big!

Look at the picture of the Palace. Read the description to find out which room it is.

b) Ballroom

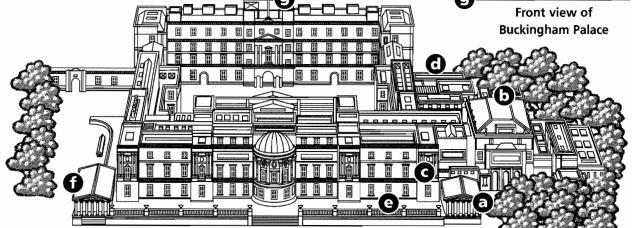
- c) Cinema
- d) Post office e) State dining room
- f) Swimming pool
- g) Balcony

1 In this room, the Queen and her family can watch TV and movies.

a) Gallery

- 2 This room is very big. This is where the Queen has all of her paintings.
- 3 In this room there is a table where 60 people can sit and eat.





Back view of Buckingham Palace

- 4 This room is where the Oueen and her visitors can dance.
- 5 This is where the Oueen gets letters and mail.
- 6 This is where the Queen stands when she waves to the public.
- 7 This is where the Queen goes swimming.

Is your house better than the Queen's?



My House

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

flag

paintings

coaches

www.vrbritain.com

The London Butterfly House

The Butterfly House is in the garden of Syon House on the River Thames in west London. You can see tropical* butterflies from all over the world (Costa Rica, Argentina, Tanzania, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia and the Philippines).

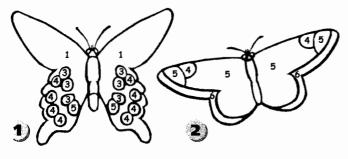
The butterflies are in a big glass* house and they can fly everywhere*. Visitors can walk among them as they feed* and fly. Some of the butterflies like to sit on your head or shoulders! You can see the big cages* where the caterpillars live. Caterpillars have strong mouths, six legs, but no eyes. Caterpillars love eating and eat a lot of leaves. You can see other cages with chrysalises* in them where the caterpillars 'sleep' and become butterflies. When a new butterfly comes out of the chrysalis after two or three weeks, its wings are wet and it can't fly because it must wait until blood* gets into the wings. Female butterflies are bigger than males. It's hot and damp* in the Butterfly House because the temperature is always 28° and the butterflies can't live in dry air or in winds. They need damp air. There are lizards, iguanas, scorpions and spiders there, too. You can also the world's biggest snail* - it's 25cm long!

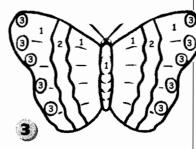
Find the Butterflies

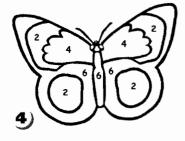
Follow the colour key and colour the butterflies. Then, read the descriptions of each of the butterflies and write the names under the pictures.

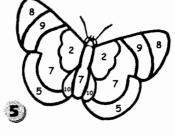
1 = brown 2 = blue 3 = white 4 = red 5 = yellow 6 = grey

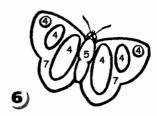
7 = black 8 = green 9 = orange 10 = pink











- a) The BANDED SOLDIER is red with black stripes*.
- **b)** The ROSE BUTTERFLY is brown with four red spots*, three white spots and a yellow spot on its two back wings.
- c) The ACHILLES BUTTERFLY is brown with a large blue stripe and small white spots on its wings.
- d) The SAPPHIRE BUTTERFLY has got green, orange, black and yellow strips on its wings.
- Near the body, the wings are blue and there are small pink stripes on the back wings.
- e) The RODRIGUEZ AGRIAS BUTTERFLY has got grey and blue back wings and grey, blue and red front wings.
- f) The MONARCH BUTTERFLY is yellow with red, grey and yellow spots on the ends of the wings.

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

tropical

glass

everywhere

to feed

cage

chrysalis

blood

damp

snail

stripe

spot

www.butterflies.org.uk/



Hamleys

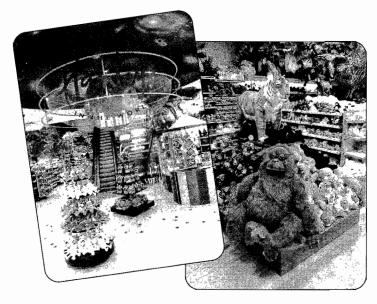
Hamleys is the most famous toy shop in the world. It's in Regent Street.

- Hamleys is old! It's 243 years old.
- Hamleys is popular all year but at Christmas it's very busy - two million people come here in the weeks before Christmas.
- Many famous people come to Hamleys. David and Victoria Beckham are fans.
- 4,500 people work at Hamleys.



Which floor?

Hamleys has got seven floors* of toys. Look at the floor guide*.



Which floor(s) do you go to if you would like....

1	to eat something?	
2	to buy a skateboard?	
3	to buy some sweets?	
•	two-year-old?	

Which floor would <i>v</i> e	ou like to go to
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I'd like to go to the



Basement*

Computer world; computer games; PlayStation; street sports; bikes.

Ground floor*

Soft toys; teddy bears; magic; toilets

First Floor

Sweet factory; games; jigsaws; science

Second Floor

Books; music; bathtime; pre-school

Third Floor

Dolls; prams; dolls' houses; art

Fourth Floor

Trains; Corgi cars; remote control cars*; soldiers

Fifth Floor

Star Wars; Spiderman; Lego; café; toilets



Speaking

In the shop: work in pairs

One of you is the shop assistant, one of you is the customer.

Customer: Look at the pictures 1-6. Ask where these toys are.

e.g. Excuse me, where are the computer games?

Assistant: Look at your floor guide and reply

e.g. They are on the first / second / third, etc, floor.





Every year there is a new toy craze*. Design a toy that every child will want and describe it.

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886
M4500000
90
Distribution.
250,000
) TO OTHER
2010Hildina
-
 5888

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

floor

guide

basement

ground floor

remote control car

craze

www.hamleys.co.uk



Harrods

Welcome to the biggest department store* in Europe - Harrods.

- If you want to go shopping in London, one of the best places is Harrods.
- Harrods sells everything. There are 330 departments and you can buy anything here: a plane, a four-poster bed* for your dog, or an elephant!
- Harrods is one of the busiest shops in London. Every day 35,000 people visit Harrods and more than 4,000 people work there.



Rules of the store

Harrods has strict rules*. You can see lots of signs on the doors. The signs tell customers what they can / can't do in the shop.

Look at these 6 signs and circle the correct word.



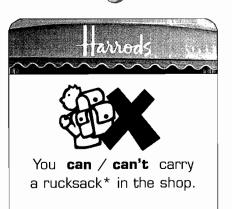


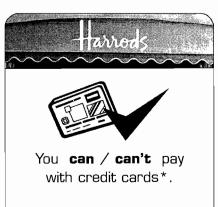
ice-cream or hamburgers in the shop.



can / can't speak two languages. You can speak French, Spanish, German, etc to them.





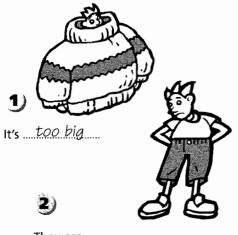




Problems, problems!

If you buy something in Harrods and there is a problem with it, you can take it back. Harrods can give you the money (a refund*) or something of the same price (an exchange*). But you must have the receipt.

Here are five things. What's the matter with these things?



They are



My mother



It's got ..

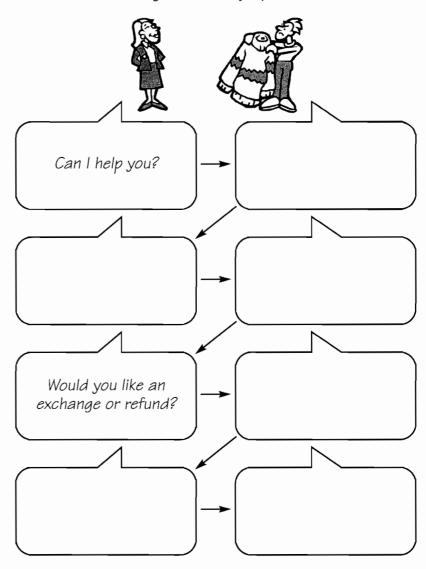


Take it back!

Put these phrases in the correct speech bubbles.

It's too big. OK. What's the problem with it? That's fine. Have you got the receipt? Yes, it's this jumper. Yes, here it is.

I'd like an exchange. I'd like this jumper in a smaller size.



Now practise the role-play with a partner. Use the problems.

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST What is it in your language? Find out!		
department store	rucksack	refund
four-poster bed	credit card	exchange
rules		
		www.harrods.com



London Markets

London has got more than 65 street markets where you can buy everything and anything. The two most popular markets in London are Covent Garden market and Camden market.

Covent Garden

Covent Garden was* the biggest fruit and vegetable market in England but now it's got more than bananas. Now it's got hundreds of shops, stalls*, restaurants and bars. You can buy almost anything here!

Street Theatre

If you don't like shopping, you can watch the coolest* street artists in Covent Garden. The best street artists in the world come here. You can see jugglers*, dancers, mime* artists and people on stilts* and unicycles*. Watch out for the fire-eaters!



Can you?	l can	I can't
juggle with two oranges?		
juggle with three oranges?		
stand still without moving?		
ride a unicycle?		
play two musical instrument at the same time?	s _	

Here are five other famous London markets. **Match the markets** to their photos on the next page.

Billingsgate market

(5.00 am - 8.00 am)

Do you like fish? Billingsgate is not a market for tourists. This market sells fish. It's the smelliest* market in London!

Columbia Road market

Roses, carnations, daises... they are all here. This is the best market to go to if you love flowers. It smells beautiful!

Portobello Road

(7.00 am - 6.00 pm)

Do you like collecting* things? You can buy old stamps, coins, medals and antiques here.

Brixton market

Brixton market is in south London. You can buy lots of Jamaican food but you can buy clothes here too.

Petticoat Lane market

(Sundays)

This is the oldest market in London. It's over 400 years old. It is famous for its clothes and lace* and is in East London.

Camden Market

Camden market is the fourth most popular tourist attraction in London, Camden is like four different markets in one place. Camden is famous for its cool street fashions, vegetarian food, music stalls and jewellery. There are more tattoo* and piercing* shops here than in any other part of London. And if you don't want to shop, buy music or get a tattoo, it's a great place for people-watching!















Which market would you like to go to?

I'd like to go to

At the market

You are at Camden Market in London. Look at the questions and tick () the correct word (is or are). The correct answers move you to the correct stall.

1)	How much the CD?	4 How much the strawberries?				
	are	is				
	is move 1 -	are move 1 🖛				
	How much the jacket? are	is move 4 — are move 1 — f				
3)	How much the hot dogs? are	6) How much the boots? is move 4 → are move 1 ← f				
	Now write the correct prices in the boxes.					

CHECK LIST What is it in your language? Find out! was stall cool (coolest) juggler (to juggle) to mime stilts unicycle tattoo piercing smelliest (smelly) to collect lace

VOCABULARY

SHOES	ROW'S AWYOURS	COOL CLOTHING		MAJJE 87		SARAH'S OSNACK BAR O
£20.00	£60.00	£25.00	Start here	£10.00	£0.30	£1.50

www.eastlondonmarkets.com



London's Theatreland

If you come to London you must spend one night at the theatre!

In London there are 51 theatres and every year 11 million people come to watch a play or a show. You can see everything here – opera, comedy, drama, dance and musicals.

What's your favourite thing to see at the theatre?			
Opera A comedy show Drama Dance A	A musical		
Most of the theatres are in Piccadil Garden area. The oldest and most if the Theatre Royal. If you buy a ticket you might get me think! People think that there is a get theatre. 200 years ago people found in the room there was a skeleton the it. Many people say they see a ghost but they only see it if they go to a daytime show (a matinée).	famous theatre is nore than you ghost* in the nd a secret room. with a dagger* in		
	Y		

London musicals

The most popular shows in London are musicals. Here are London's top musicals. Look at the titles of the musicals and match them to their stories.



- a) This is the story of an ugly old composer* who lives under an opera house in Paris. He is in love with a beautiful opera singer.
- **b)** This is the story of a group of students who want to sing, dance and be famous. They go to the New York School of Performing Arts.
- c) This is the story of an inventor and his family. They have many adventures in their car that can fly.
- d) This story is in Africa. It's about Simba the lion.
- e) This story is about a simple London girl who sells flowers. She meets Henry Higgins who wants to teach her how to become a 'lady'.
- f) This was a film. It's about two teenagers, Sandy and Danny who fall in love* on holiday. When they meet again at school, love is not so easy!
- g) This musical was a film with Catherine Zeta-Jones and Renée Zellweger. It's the story of two dancers, Roxie and Velma in America in the 1920s.

Which musical would you like to see?	' I'd like to see
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At the box office

Musicals are very popular. It's not easy to get a ticket. For the most popular shows you can wait for six months to a year to see a show!

There are three different types of ticket:

Stalls

These are the expensive seats. They are on the ground floor in front of the stage.

Circle

These are above the stalls. The front rows are expensive but the other rows are cheaper than the stalls.

Balcony

These seats are the cheapest seats. They have a very good view but the seats are high. If you are afraid of heights, or have bad eyesight don't go!

They will also ask you: "Matinée or evening?"

Booking a ticket

Here are some things you say and hear when you are booking tickets for a show. Choose the option that is grammatically correct.

- a) Hello. Theatre Royal box office, can I help you?
 - **b)** Hello. Theatre Royal box office, can't I help you?
- a) Hello. I can to book ticket for The Lion King, please?
 - b) Hello. Can I book tickets for The Lion King, please?
- 3 a) I'd like tickets for January.
 - b) I like tickets for the January.
- a) Are you like stalls, circle or balcony?
 - b) Would you like stalls, circle, or balcony?

- a) We like two tickets in the stalls, please.
 - b) We'd like two tickets in the stalls, please.
 - a) What time does the show start?
 - b) What time starts the show?
- a) Can I pay by credit card?
- b) Can I paying by credit card?

Speaking

Now make your own dialogue to book a ticket for a musical. Use the sentences above to help you.

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST What is it in your language? Find out!					
ghost	skeleton	dagger	composer	to fall in love	

www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk/shows



Dogs in London

Battersea Dogs' Home is a famous home for lost* or abandoned* dogs and cats in London. It's nearly 150 years old.



Every day 27 dogs come to the Home. That's about 10,000 every year! The Home gives dogs and cats a place to sleep, medicine, food and love. It tries to find good homes for the dogs.





Here are three of the dogs in the Home at the moment. Match the description to the dog.







I'm Rosie Baby. I'm two years old. I'm small and white with brown ears. I like toys, games and walks.

2) I'm Bob. I'm eighteen months old. I'm small and black with a white stomach. I like biscuits and treats*. I don't like cats.

I'm Nova. I'm very intelligent. I'm big. I'm brown and black. I like walks.

	Pet Quiz! Do you know?			
1	What's the most popular pet in Britain?	a) rabbit	b) dog	c) cat
2	What's the most popular pet in the world?	a) canary	b) dog	c) hamster
3	How many people own dogs in Britain?	a) 10 million	b) 6 million	c) 8 million
•	Which pet lives the longest?	a) goldfish	b) dog	c) canary
5	What's the most popular breed of dog in Britain?	a) poodle	b) Alsatian	c) Labrador
6	In which country was the first dog show held in 1859?	a) France	b) Britain	c) America



Where's Sam?

Your dog is missing*. You telephone Battersea Dogs' Home.

Assistant: Hello. Battersea Dogs' Home.

You: Oh hello. Our dog's missing. We want to

check if it's in the Home.

Assistant: Oh dear. When did you lose your dog?

You: Two days ago. On Wednesday.

Assistant: Has it got microchip identity? Or a collar*?

You: No. He's called Sam.

Assistant: OK. Describe him to me.

You: He's four years old. He's small and black with

a white ear and a white tail.

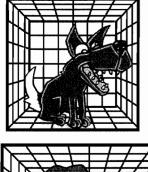
Assistant: OK. We'll have a look. Which ear is white?

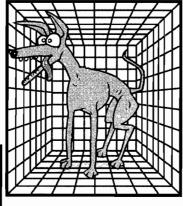
You: The left ear.

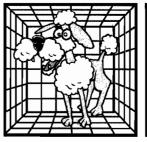
Assistant: OK. Can you call me back in an hour?

You: Of course. Thank you.

Look at these dogs. Can you find Sam?



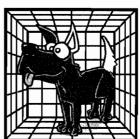


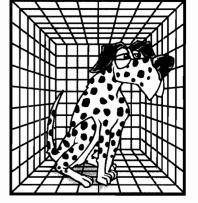












Work in pairs. One of you works at the Dogs' Home; one of you can't find your dog. Telephone Battersea Dogs' Home.

Did you know...?

The first dog to go to space was Laika in 1957. She was from Russia and died on the trip.

The oldest cat in the world lives in the UK. She is 31 and her name is Fluff.

The most expensive cat in the world cost £25,000 (€15, 625). His name was Cato and he was a Bengal cat.

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST What is it in your language? Find out!

lost

abandoned

treats

to be missing

collar

www.dogshome.org

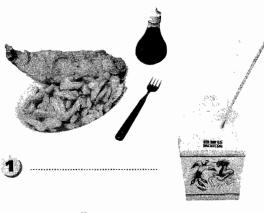


Eating Out: London Food

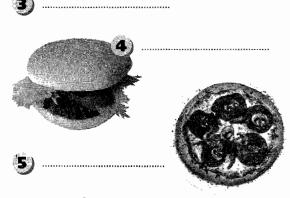
You are never far* from a restaurant in London. London has got more than 10,000 restaurants, so you can't get hungry!

Here are some of the foods you can find in London.

Look at these seven dishes. What are they? pizza • cheeseburger • fish and chips sushi • curry • noodles









Which one is your favourite?

Pie* and Mash

What is London's traditional dish? It's pie and mash (mashed potatoes). This is a traditional East End dish. What's in the pie? Eels*! There are lots of eels in the River Thames. Not many Londoners eat eel pie and mash though!



Fish and Chips

Not everybody likes pie and mash but everybody loves fish and chips! The oldest fish and chip shop in London is the Rock and Sole Plaice. It's more than 130 years old. Most English people love to eat fish and chips with salt and lots of vinegar*.

What do people eat with their chips in your country?

salt 🗌	ketchup	mayonnaise	vinegar 🗌
When yo	ou get your chi	ps, the assistant so	metimes says

What do you think this means?

Chinatown

In England, Chinese food is the most popular takeaway*. The most popular dish is lemon chicken. In the centre of London there is an area called Chinatown. There are

"Open or wrapped*?"



many Chinese restaurants and Chinese shops. In the windows you can see the chefs cooking the food.

Brick Lane

There are more Indian restaurants than fish and chip shops in London. If you want to eat an Indian curry, the best place is Brick Lane. Brick Lane is in Whitechapel, East London. The most popular dish is chicken tikka masala.





Restaurant names

Here are 8 restaurants you can find in London. Look at the signs. What type of food do you think they sell?

French • Japanese • Italian • American • Chinese • English • Indian • Chinese Planet WokOWok Hollywood 2) The Chippy &Masala Zone∢ 3) 7) Café Rouge Noodle Pizza KOF255

At the restaurant

Answer these questions. The correct answers give you the different ingredients* of a popular dish. What is the dish?

- 1 You are looking for a table. You see a table. It's got the sign "Reserved" on it. Do you...
 - sit at the table?
- ➤ rice
- look for another table? ➤ fish
- 3 You want to pay. What do you ask for?
 - The bill ➤ vinegar
 - The ben ➤ tomato sauce

- 2 When you get the bill, it says "Service not included". This means...
 - you must wash up
- ➤ chicken
- · you must leave some extra money for the waiter
 - ➤ chips

What dish is it?

Who says it?

You are in a restaurant. Who says these phrases, the waiter or the customer? Write W or C next to the correct phrases.

Ready to order? Table for two, please. I'm a vegetarian. I'd like to pay, please. I'm allergic* to nuts. Where would you like to sit? Would you like some pepper? Can I have another fork? Would you like anything to drink? I'd like the green salad.

Choose a restaurant from the list above. Find a partner to be the waiter and make a dialogue together.

VOCABU	ILARY
CHECK	LIST

What is it in vour language? Find out!

far

pie

eels

vinegar

to wrap

takeaway

ingredients

allergic

www.londoneats.com



Everyday Londoners

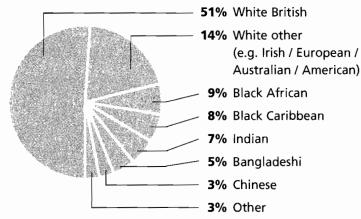
London is the biggest city in Europe and the 20th biggest city in the world.

London's population*

Over the centuries, people from all over the world have come to London. They came to find freedom, to find work, to meet people and live an interesting life. They make London an exciting and diverse* city.

Today, more than seven million people live in London and 46% of these are under 35 years old.

Look at this pie chart. It shows the different ethnic groups that make London so cosmopolitan*.





Get into groups to discuss these questions:

- What's the population of your town / city?
- What ethnic groups are in your city / town?
- What are the difficulties for people from different cultures / ethnic groups living in London?

Writing home

Imagine you arrive to live in London to start a new life. You go to the Internet café to write home. Complete the e-mail with your own ideas.

Dear		
How are you? I arrived in Lo	ndon on Tuesday.	
I'm living in	(a flat / house / bedsit*)	
in	(area in London)	
The most difficult thing abo	at living in London is	
	n London is	
Hope you are all well. I will	Market and the second s	
Love		



London's workers

If you go to London on a weekday and look around, most people you see are wearing suits*. This is because 42% of Londoners work in offices and businesses. The average* Londoner earns £600 a week. That's about £200 more than people in other places in England.

Where do most people w	vork
in your city?	



Calling for a job

It's easy to find work in London, especially if you want a summer or a part-time job. But telephoning for a job is not always so easy. Gianni is looking for a job, but he doesn't use the correct style of English.

Match what his wrong way of saying things to the right way of saying things.



Waiter / Waitress needed for pizza restaurant in central London.

Experience* preferred*. Good pay. Call Stephen Briggs 0207 421 9052 100-102 Conduit Street, London



- 1) Hi Steve, I'm Gianni.
- 2) I was looking in the newspaper the other day and I saw your job for a waiter. It sounds pretty cool. Is the job still going?
- **3**) Cool. So what's it like then? What are the hours of work like? I hope I don't have to work late. What's the pay like? I have to know about the money!
- 4) Yeah. I've done a bit of waiting before in Italy. In the summer, I think. I'm Italian, so what more could you want?
- **5)** Sure. I'll drop in on Tuesday at three. See ya!

- Great. Could you give me a few details* about the job?
- Of course. I'll come to the interview on Tuesday at three o'clock. Thank you very much. Good bye.
- Good afternoon. Am I speaking to Mr Briggs? My name is Gianni Rossi.
- I'm calling about the vacancy* in Monday's Evening Standard. Are you still looking for somebody?
- Yes I have got some experience of waiting. Last summer I worked in a small restaurant in my home town of Pisa, so I know how to wait and I know Italian food!

We can't read what Mr Briggs says to Gianni. What do you think he says?

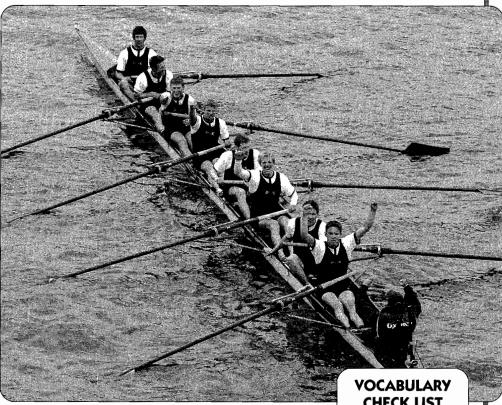
	VOCABU	LARY CHECK LI	ST What is it	in your language? Find	out!
popula	tion cos	smopolitan .	suits	experienc e	detail
diver	se	bedsit	average	to prefer	vacancy

www.netlondon.com/employment/job-hunting



The Boat Race

Every country has got its own strange historic sport or race such as the Palio in Sienna, Italy, or the Pampiona Bull Run in Spain, but the **Boat Race in London** is one of the most extraordinary to understand. It is simply a race between two boats, one from Oxford University and one from Cambridge University. 2004 is special because it's the year of the 150th Boat Race.



History

The first race was in 1829 in Henley, a small town on the Thames. 20,000 people watched it and now Henley is famous for its annual regatta - a series of boat races in July each year. People come dressed in fashionable clothes and have expensive, luxurious* picnics on the River during the races. After the first year, the Boat Race moved to Westminster, but by 1845 when Westminster became too crowded*, the Race moved six miles (9.65 km) up the River Thames to Putney which was only a village in those days but it's a fashionable suburb of London now.

Facts

The two long boats measure 19.9 metres and they are very light - they only weigh 96 kg. The race lasts for 6.8 km. It takes approximately* 600 strokes (a movement of the oars of the boat) to row the course. There are eight oarsmen (people who row the boat) in each boat and a cox (short for

coxswain - the person who steers* the boat). The oarsmen are big and strong but the cox is always a very small person. Every crew* member has to train for two hours for each stroke (one movement of the oar) - that's 1,200 hours! That's a lot of training!

The Race takes place at Easter time, and the water in the River Thames between Putney and Mortlake is very tidal*. The streams of water move very fast when the tide is coming up the Thames. The weather, the tide, and the bends in the River mean that the difficult parts of the River are exposed* to winds from different directions and this adds mystery to the unpredictable* conditions.

The Spectators

400 million people in the world watch the Boat Race on TV, and 7.7 million people in Britain watch it. The Boat Race is in the top five live* TV sports events on British TV.

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST What is it in	
your language? Find out!	
luxurious	
)
crowded	
)
approximately	
)
to steer	
)
crew	
)
tidal	
)
exposed	
)
unpredictable	
)
live (adj)	
)

www.theboatrace.org



Boat Race Statistics

Like all famous sports, there are lots of statistics connected with it. Fill in the missing words in these sentences and then find them in the word search grid. Draw red lines through them all when you find them. The extra words in the grid (not coloured red) spell the name of the oldest person to take part in the Boat Race, and they also tell you what happened in 1912.

1)	Thefastest time for the
	Boat Race is 16 minutes, 19 seconds.
	Cambridge did this in 1998.
~ "Sa taa	
2)	Christopher Hibbert was the
	oarsman to row in
	the Boat Race. He weighed 110.22 kg.
·,	
3)	Alfred Higgins was the
	oarsman to row
	in the Boat Race. He weighed 60.1kg.
	He took part in 1882. But there were
	He took part in 1882. But there were

two tiny coxes who took part in 1862 and 1939. Francis Archer (Cambridge) and Hart Massey (Oxford) both

4)	Matthew Brittin (Cambridge) was the person to take		
	part in the Boat Race. He was just		
	eighteen years old in 1987.		

weighed just 32.66 kg.

5)	The winning	
	margin (the distance between the t	two
	boats at the finish) was just 0.3048m	ı. This
	was in 2003. It was a very exciting ra	ace!

6)	The oarsman rowed	
for Cambridge. He took part four ti		
	in the Boat Race: in 1999, 2000, 2001	
	and 2002. He measured 2m 7cm.	

7)	In 1981, Sue Brown (Oxford) was the
	first to take part
	in the Boat Race.

8)	The	twins rowed
	in the Boat Race in 1982.	

9)	In 1989, both Oxford and	Cambridge
	had	coxes.

F	Α	S	T	E	S	T	L	Т
Е	Α	N	S	D	S	S	I	S
M	Υ	Р	Ε	Ε	R	Ε	G	Ε
Α	0	В	L	Ε	R	G	Н	I
L	Т	L	L			N	Т	V
Е	Α	S	Α	Α	N	U	Ε	Α
T	N	Α	М	0	W	0	S	Ε
F	1	R	S	Т	K	Υ	Т	Н



The oldest person to ta	ke part in the Boat Race was
He was the Cambridge cox i	n 1992 when he was 38 years old.
In 1912, the two boa	ats .





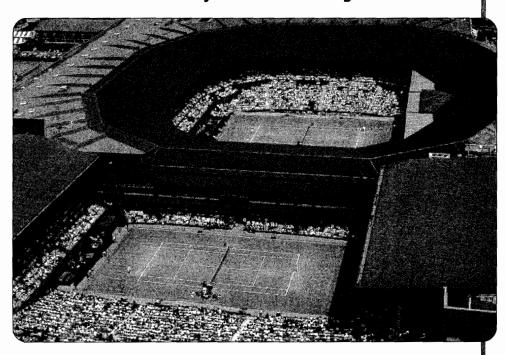
Wimbledon: The Home of Tennis

When people hear the word Wimbledon they think of one thing - tennis.

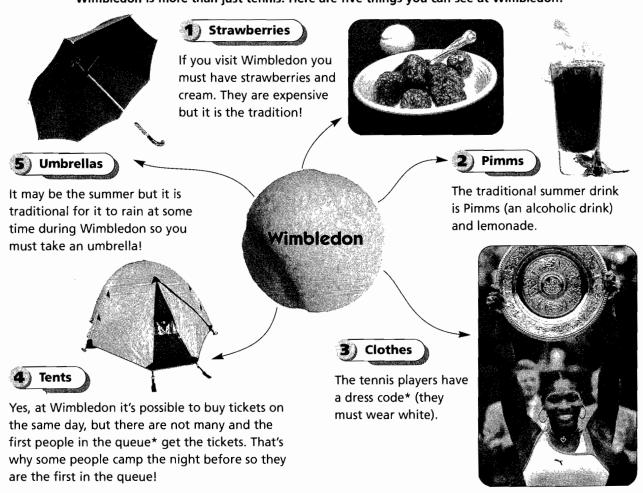
Wimbledon in south-west London is a pretty, quiet place. But for two weeks in the summer it's really busy. Wimbledon is the home of one of the most important tennis championships* in the world.

In the last week of June and the first week of July, more than half a million people come to Wimbledon to see the world's best tennis players.

After two weeks, with more than one hundred matches and 15,000 tennis balls, you have two tennis champions!



Wimbledon is more than just tennis. Here are five things you can see at Wimbledon!





Wimbledon rules

You are playing at Wimbledon. You are serving*. Read the sentences below and chose the correct answer. Find that answer in the tennis balls and see how many serves you get.

- 1 Players must / mustn't wear white.
- 2 You must / mustn't take photos during a match.
- **3** You *mustn't | must* buy a ticket before the match.
- 4 You must / mustn't talk during a match.
- 5 Lots of people drink Pimms at Wimbledon. But you must / mustn't drink it if you are under 18.

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Umpire

Tennis talk!

Are you a tennis expert? You hear people talking in the crowd. What do they mean?



"Wow! Roddick hits another ace!"

- a) Roddick serves. The other player can't touch the ball. Roddick scores a point.
- b) Roddick hits the tennis ball into the net.



"Oh no! Tim is losing two games to love."

- a) Tim is in love and can't play very well.
- b) Tim has no points.



"That player is one of the seeds."

- a) The player is one of the best in the world.
- **b)** The player is one of the worst in the world.





VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

championship queue dress code to serve

www.wimbledon.org/en_GB/index.html







Theme Parks Around London

If you love adventure, you must visit some of the theme parks near London.

Chessington World of Adventures

If you want to go to Chessington, you must get a train from Waterloo Station. Chessington is south west of London in a county called Surrey. There are lots of scary* rides*. They measure you for some of the rides. Small children mustn't go on any of the dangerous rides (The Vampire, The Samurai, Dragon Falls, the Black Bucaneer and the Seastorm). Also, very fat people can't go on some of the rides because it's difficult to close the safety bars* on the seats if you are too big.

One part of Chessington is called Animal Land. It hasn't got any rides, but it's got a zoo with some wonderful animals. There is a gorilla family with

Kumba and Kaya (the mum and dad), their daughter Asili, and Asili's daughter, Shani. There is also a big sea lion called Boris. He weighs 1,764kg! He's too heavy for all the rides but he can hear all the screams*!

If you love Harry Potter, wizards* and magic, there's a scary house called Hocus Pocus Hall. If you don't like scary things, you can go on the Skyway Safari. This is a slow and gentle monorail and you can look down on the theme park from the sky. And if you like lots of action, you must go on the ride called Tomb Blaster. It's an interactive* ride – all the people on the ride have laser guns and they can shoot all the baddies* they meet.

Thorpe Park

Thorpe Park is in the west of London, near Heathrow Airport. It's got lots of very scary rides. Here are some of them:

Nemesis Inferno

This rollercoaster* goes upside down. It's a journey* through a volcano and you travel at 77km/h.

Colossus

This rollercoaster climbs to 30m then falls to the ground and goes up into the sky like a rocket. It goes into a 360° loop*. It twists* through the air over the water and does 10 loops during the ride. 1050 people go on this ride every hour. Some brave people go on it again and again!

X:\No Way Out

If you are afraid* of the dark, don't go on this ride! It's one of the first rollercoasters in the world where you go backwards* through the dark. There are no little children on this ride!

The Eclipse

Some people prefer* a quiet ride and this is like the Safari Skyway in Chessington. You can look down on all the other rides.

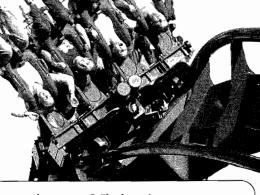
The Vortex

This very fast ride is in a part of the Park called The Lost City. This ride swings*

20m above the ground and each of the little cages rotate (go round) fifteen times.

The Tidal Wave

This is one of Europe's highest water rides. It lasts 136 seconds.



VOC	CABULARY CHECH	CLIST What is it	in your language? I	ind out!
scary	scream	baddies	loop	backwards
ride	wizard	rollercoaster	to twist	to prefer
safety bar	interactive	journey	afraid	to swing
		Both the	se parks are closed Oct	ober-March.

www.chessington.co.uk

www.thorpepark.co.uk



The Tomb Blaster Puzzle

If you go to Chessington World of Adventures, where can you find the Tomb Blaster ride? Choose the letters next to the correct parts of the sentences and you can find the name of that part of the theme park.



people love rollercoaster
so much that they go
on the Vampire five or
six times but it's difficul
because there are always
13
(a few – D / lots – B)
of people in the queue.
If you have
14
(no – T / any – E)
doubts, don't go
because it's really

4	(any – M / a few – R) gorillas and
5	(some – P / lots – E) of penguins.
There are 6	(no - N / any - A) elephants.
7	(A few – S / Lots – D) of people work in
Animal Land be	cause the animals are very hungry in the
morning. 8	(No – W / Some – N) people
don't like scary	rides but there are 9
(lots – T / a few	– B) of things for them to do.
10	(No – S / Some – I) people dress in
cowboy clothes	for a funny photograph; others go on
the monorail tri	p. 11 (Any – C / No – O)
visit is complete	without a meal in one of the themed
restaurants. 12	(A few – M / Any – N)

frightening! Have you got 15 (any - G / some - J) favourite rides from theme parks in your country? 16 (Any - Y / Some - H) small children hate the dodgems because they can easily bump their heads when the cars crash into one another. In Beanoland at Chessington there are 17 (a few – H / lots – F) of rides with names of characters from the comic, The Beano, such as Dennis's Madhouse. Dennis the Menace is a naughty boy in The Beano. He's got a dog called Gnasher. Do 18 (a few -A / any - K) of you know The Beano? One thing is sure, if you come to Chessington, you are going to have 19 (lots - D / no - F) of fun.







Five Stars

At many theme parks there are some stars next to the names of the rides to warn you how scary they are. X:\No Way Out has got five stars. Some other rides have four stars, some have three, some have two and some have one star.

Here are the different meanings of the stars. Choose one, two, three, four or five stars for each of them.



For little children

Extreme

Fun for the family

Intense



City Animals

There are more than 7 million people in London, and where there are people, there are animals. Here are the most common animals you will see in London.



Name: Fox

Eats:

Small animals, insects; loves 'fast food' (eq hamburgers and chips)

How many?

Name: Rat

Insects, fast food,

There are 60 million

Eats:

rubbish

How many?

in the UK

There are 30,000 in London! A fox even lives in Downing Street! Pawprint:



Fact:

Foxes have a white tip* on their tails

Foxes live in my town / city Name: Pigeon

Eats:

Insects, nuts, bread,

chips

How many?

40,000 pigeons fly into Trafalgar Square every

day

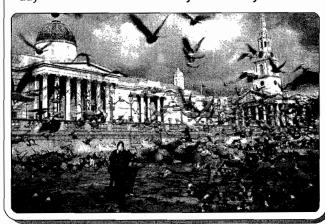
Footprint:

Fact:

Pigeons can live for

35 years

Pigeons live in my town / city



Pests!

Pigeons, foxes and rats are pests* that damage* buildings and spread disease*.

The Mayor of London wants to reduce* the number of pigeons and rats in London. For example, it is now against the law to feed the pigeons in Trafalgar Square.

Here are six ideas to reduce the number of pigeons, foxes and rats. What's your opinion? 1 = the best idea 6 = the worst idea

- Put more litter bins in the city
- Put poison* in the streets to
 - kill the animals
- Put traps* in the streets to kill the animals
- Encourage people to have cats
- Fine* people who drop litter on the street
- Make fast food shops pay a 'pest tax'

Who are the real pests – people or animals?

Fact:

There are more rats than people in London

Pawprint:



Rats live in my town / city

VOCAB	ULARY CHECK LIST Wha	t is it in your lan	guage? Find out!
tip	to damage	to reduce	trap
pest	to spread disease	poison	to fine

www.wildlondon.org.uk/wildinfo/foxes.htm



The London Aquarium

Fill in the missing words in the text to find a fascinating fact about sharks. The words in (boxes) make the fact sentence.

fish U.S.) like BY eating KILLED sleep	ARE facts THE weapon SHARKS
shark IN strange BEES males THAN	floors (MORE) temperature (PEOPLE)

The London Aquarium is opposite the Houses of Parliament, on the bank of the River Thames. In the different areas of the Aguarium you can see fish from the different oceans of the world.



In the Pacific area you can see the sharks and sting rays. You can look at them from two floors (MORE) of the Aquarium because they need very deep water. The of the water must always be 23°. There are three sand tiger sharks, three brown sharks, a nurse shark called Florence and Mazawabee, a zebra). You can learn lots of interesting(about sharks at the London Aquarium. Sharks are the only) with eyelids* but they can) with their(eyes open. Great white sharks love) but they don't chew their food. They rip* their food into chunks* and swallow them whole. Tiger sharks can be dangerous because they() biting people but the good news is they don't like the taste and they usually stop after

FACT: More

one bite. Sharks are heavier than water and they can easily sink if they stop swimming.

The Indian Ocean

The Indian Ocean is the world's third largest ocean. It contains some of the world's most dangerous fish too. Starfish are very(creatures. They can easily push their stomachs up through their mouths when they want to eat. Bleeaagghh!



On a coral reef* you can see lion fish, eels, bat fish, pipe fish and sea horses. These unusual fish can swim upright, and the), not the(females, give birth to the babies. The box fish can easily protect itself when it's in danger. Its secret) is poison. It squirts* poison into the water when danger approaches, but it has to swim away quickly because it can poison itself, too!

The electric knife fish which lives in Venezuela has got tiny eyes and it can hardly* see. It uses electricity to hunt for food.

Puffer fish can puff* themselves up angrily when they are in danger. Atlantic puffer fish have got lots of spikes* on their bodies.

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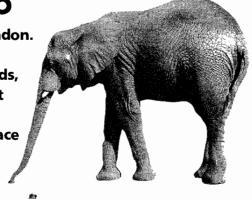
www.londonaguarium.co.uk

spike



London Zoo

London Zoo is in Regent's Park near the centre of London. It's open every day of the year except Christmas Day. There are 600 different species (kinds) of animals, birds, insects and reptiles there. It has changed a lot since it first opened in 1828, and although many people now think it's cruel to keep animals in zoos, it's a good place to protect* animals in danger and to educate people, especially children, about the natural world. Some of the animals became living legends in their lifetimes.



Guy the Gorilla

Guy got his name from the day when he was born - Guy Fawkes Day (November 5th). He was born in 1947 and arrived at the zoo holding a little metal* hot water bottle. He was very gentle and everyone loved him. When sparrows* flew into his enclosure (the space where he lived), he picked them up* gently in his hand, looked at them closely, and then let them fly away. Signs everywhere told the visitors not to feed the animals, but people gave Guy sweets and he got toothache. He died during an operation* to remove his tooth. There's a statue of Guy at London Zoo.



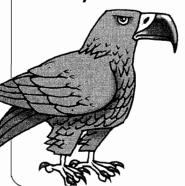
Belinda died in 1993 when she was 23 years old. She was a great advert* for London Zoo because she helped hundreds of people conquer* their spider phobia. The zoo allowed people to hold beautiful Belinda in their hands and usually this cured them.



Winnie, the Black Bear

Winnie arrived at the zoo in 1914. A. A. Milne, the children's writer, took his young son, Christopher Robin, to the zoo and he began to make up stories about the bear. These were the first stories about Winnie-the-Pooh.

Goldie, the Golden Eagle



Goldie escaped in 1965 and thousands of people went to Regent's Park to watch him flying from tree to tree. It caused big traffic jams* around the area near the Park. He was free for eleven days and he became a national hero.

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

to protect

metal

sparrow

to pick up

operation

advert

to conquer

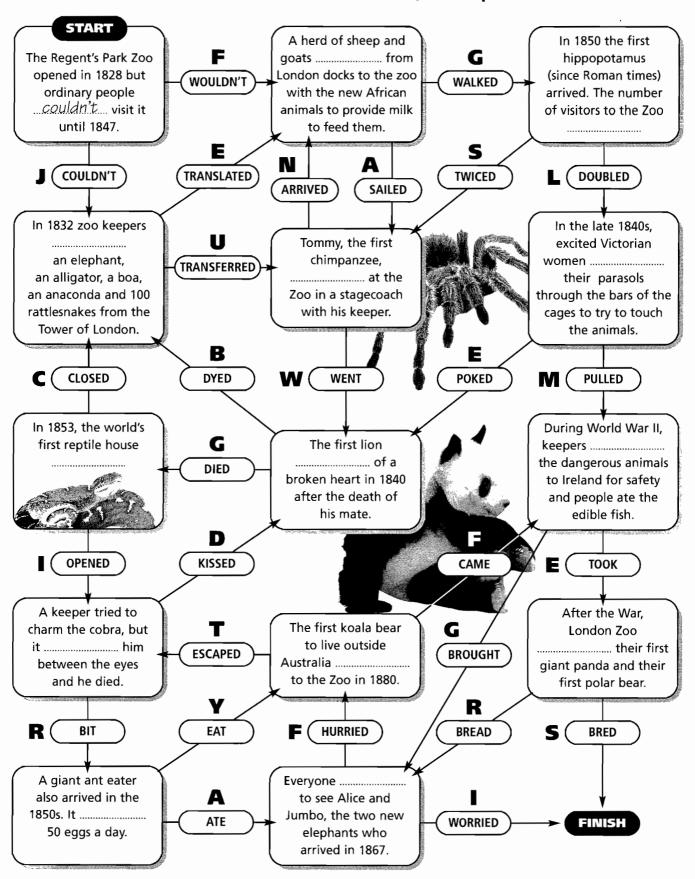
traffic jams

www.londonzoo.co.uk



The Zoo Maze

This is the story of London Zoo. Choose the correct verb to complete each sentence. Take the letters next to the correct verbs to find the popular name for some of the Zoo's favourite animals, the okapi.





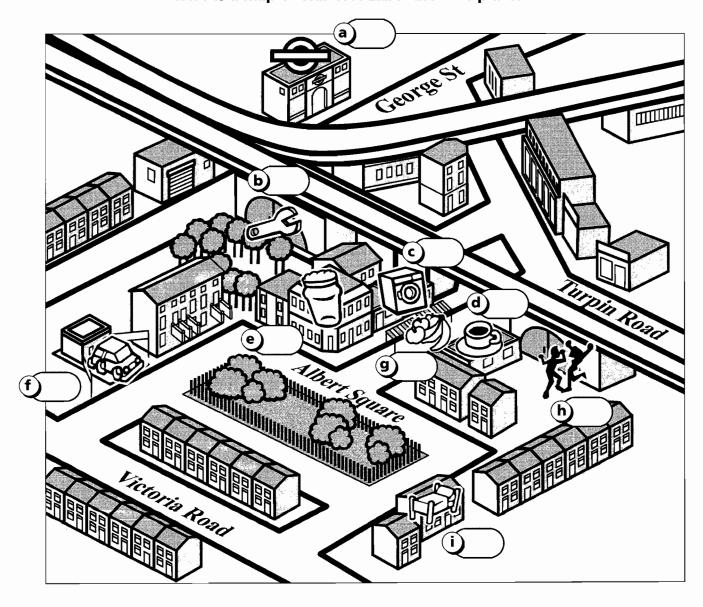
EastEnders

Londoners have got lots of places they can go to and lots of things they can do but sometimes they just like to stay at home and watch television.

Britain's favourite soap opera is set in the East End of London. It's called EastEnders and it's about people who live in the East End of London. It's on BBC1 and its the most popular TV show in the UK - more than

15 million people watch it. You can watch EastEnders four times a week on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays - and if you miss an episode* you can watch all the week's episodes on Sunday afternoon.

The EastEnders live in Albert Square, Walford. Walford is not a real place in London. Here is a map of Walford. Label the nine places.



- The 'Queen Vic' pub
- The café

Evans & Son Cars

- A laundrette
- Walford East Underground Station
- The Arches motor repairs

- A market stall
- Angie's Den (a nightclub)
- The Bed and Breakfast



There are 30 - 35 characters in EastEnders. Here are some of the favourites:

Alfie Moon

Alfie lives and works in the pub. He is in love with Kat but he is very shy.

Kat Slater

Kat works in the pub. She gets angry very quickly. She often falls in love with the wrong men.

Phil Mitchell

Many people are afraid of Phil. He owns the car repair* shop, the café and the pub. People say he is horrible and arrogant* but he loves his baby daughter.

Janine

Janine likes money... and trouble. She often uses people for money. She works for Evans' Cars.

Jim Branning

Jim is married to Dot. He works in the pub. He likes to drink and gamble*, but only if Dot doesn't know!

Dot Cotton

Dot is married to Jim. She is always smoking and loves talking about other people. She works in the laundrette*.



Make your own EastEnders episode

You need a dice for this activity. Get into groups and decide which character you want to be. Roll the dice to give you a place, a situation, a phrase and a prop*.

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You then have ten minutes to decide what happens and make a dialogue. At the end you can act it to your class or roll the dice again. To finish the activity, write up your dialogue as a script.

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Dice number	Places	Situation	Prop	Say it!
1	The 'Queen Vic' pub	There's a birthday	A bag	Come on!
2	The laundrette	There's a wedding	A mobile phone	Get lost!
3	The market stall	One of you needs money	An address book	Shut up!
4	The café	There's an accident	Some keys	Alright, mate?
5	Walford East underground station	One of you has got an exam / test	A pair of scissors	No way!
6	Evans and Son Cars	One of you is in love with two people	A train ticket	You're joking!

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

episode

repair

arrogant

to gamble

laundrette

prop

www.bbc.co.uk/eastenders

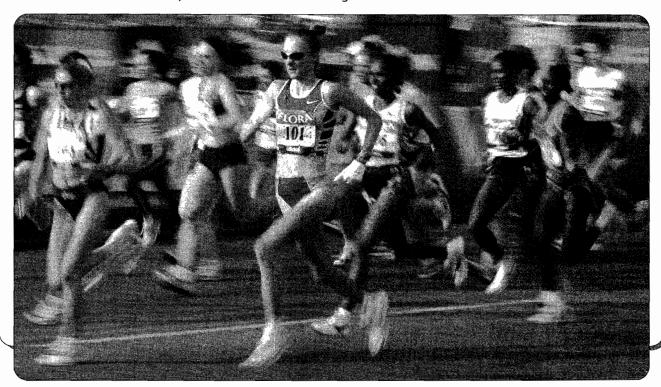


The London Marathon

If you see thousands of people running in London in April it can only be one event* - The London Marathon*!

Every year, in the second week of April, more than 35,000 people come to London to run in the London Marathon. The Marathon is 26 miles (42km). It's not only for professional sports people - anybody can run in the Marathon. The oldest person to run in the

London Marathon was 91 years old and the youngest was 18. If you are under 18 years old, you can run in the mini-Marathon. Many people run in costumes and collect money for charity*. One year, a couple got married* in the race too!



True (T) or False (F)?

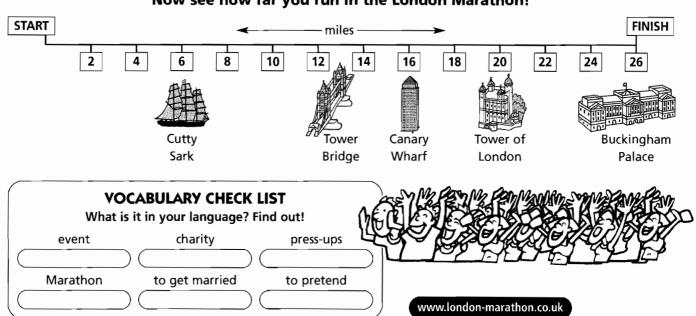
	Use the text above to help you.
1)	The Marathon is held twice a year.
	F – It's held every year.
2)	Only Londoners can enter the London Marathon.
3)	You can run in the London Marathon at any age.
4)	You don't have to be a professional sports person to run in the Marathon.
5)	Professional sports people often run in costumes.
6)	The mini-Marathon is for children and teenagers.

Work in pairs. Discuss.
Is there a Marathon in your country? If so, when is it and where?
Would you prefer to watch the Marathon or run in it? Give reasons.



Are you fit enough for the Marathon?

Answer the questions about your daily life to find out how far you can run in the London Marathon. 1) When do you get up? 6) How many press-ups* can you do? a) I get up before 7 o'clock. a) One to ten. b) Late! I get up ten minutes before school starts. b) More than ten. What do you have for breakfast? When it's time for sports at school, what do you do? a) I don't have time for breakfast. I have a bar of a) I pretend* to be sick. chocolate at eleven o'clock. **b)** I stay for extra practice. b) Eggs, muesli and a glass When do you go to bed? of orange juice or milk. a) Before 10.30pm. **3**) How do you travel to school? **b)** After 10.30pm. a) I go by bike or on foot. I'm usually at a party **b)** I go by bus, train or car. or on the computer. 4) What do you do in your free time? Now look at the answers: a) I sit in front of my TV or computer. **5** a) 1 mile 1 a) 3 miles b) 1mile b) 3 miles b) I don't have any free time, I am always busy. 2 a) 1 mile b) 3 miles 6 a) 1 mile b) 5 miles 3 a) 3 miles **b)** 1 mile 7 a) 0 mile b) 3 miles **5**) How often do you run? 4 a) 0 miles b) 4 miles 8 a) 2 miles b) 0 miles a) Only when I am late for the bus. b) All the time, when Total miles = I'm doing sport. Now see how far you run in the London Marathon! **START** FINISH miles

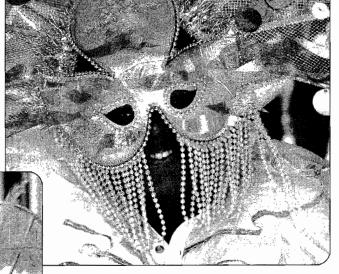


Notting Hill and the Carnival

Welcome to Europe's biggest street festival - The Notting Hill Carnival!

August is carnival time in London. In Notting Hill, West London, there is a big party for two days in August. Nearly two million people come to look at the costumes, listen to the music and dance in the streets.

It takes a long time to make a costume for the carnival, sometimes a year! Some of the costumes have got 200,000 sequins* on them. The best costumes win a prize*. What costume are you going to wear?



The food

The traditional food at the carnival is Caribbean. There are 300 food stalls* and every year people eat 16,000 coconuts and a tonne of chicken!

You can try one of these dishes. What are you going to eat?

Saltfish fritters*

Curried* goat*

Coconut



The music

The carnival is noisy! There are 40 sound systems*. They play more than 30,000 records during the carnival!

You are a DJ at a street party.
What records are you going to play?



Party people

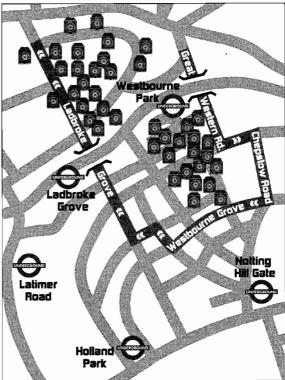
Here are five people who are at the carnival. What's going to happen? Use the verbs in the box to make going to sentences.

> to get sunburn • to have a headache to be sick • to win the costume competition to steal a mobile phone



Notting Hill carnival route

Look at the map.



How many underground stations can you find?

How many sound systems can you find?

How many bridges can you find?

Do the sum. This tells you the date of the Notting Hill carnival.

It's on August

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST What is it in your language? Find out!						
sequin f ritter						
prize	curried goat					
stalls	sound system					

www.portowebbo.co.uk/nottinghilltv/carnival.htm



Leicester Square: **London Cinemas**

22 million people visit Leicester (pronounced 'Lester') Square every year. It's near Piccadilly Circus and there are several big cinemas in the square itself plus lots more nearby.

You can go to Leicester Square when there's a première* of a big new film and you will see plenty of famous film stars walking along the red carpet* to the cinema. You'll see lots of photographers and you might even pick up* a bit of celebrity* gossip*.

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15 certificate

18 certificate

Film Certificates

It's a bit scary - so are you allowed to see it? Each film has a special 'certificate' which means only certain people are allowed to see it. Match the certificates to the definitions:

> a) You are not allowed to see it if you are younger than fifteen

> **b)** You are not allowed to see it if you are younger than eighteen

- c) Everyone is allowed to see it
- d) Children under twelve are not allowed to see it unless they are accompanied by an adult
- e) Children under twelve are allowed to see it if their parents think it's OK

Here are some famous British actors. Take the two letters after their names and put them in the correct order to discover the title of a successful British film.



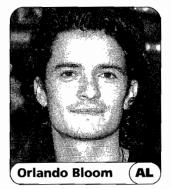




Kate Winslet (TU)







... has been in a few Star Wars films?

... has spent a great deal of time in **Hogwarts School?**

Ewan McGregor

... has got lots female fans because his name is "Bond, James Bond"?



Ewan McGregor (LO



VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

première

carpet

to pick up

celebrity

gossip

Which British actor... ... had a few scary moments in cold water with Leo DiCaprio?

... wore a couple of pointed ears in three very successful films?

... has had plenty of experience of playing a shy, aristocratic Englishman?

The name of the film is: LO

http://movies.yahoo.com/upcoming



Music in London

London is a great place to hear live music.

These famous British pop stars are all singing about the future in their hit songs. Fill in the missing words, and take the correct letter to spell the name of London's most popular rock concert venue. Choose from these words:

> YOU • IMPOSSIBLE • MAYBE • SAVES • HEART DREAM • WITH • MAN • I'LL • FEED • STRONG • AT

1)	Though the sea will be STRONG	9)	Well, I won't go down this ship
-	I know we'll carry on, 'cos if there's somebody calling		And I won't put up my hands and surrender*
	me on; she's the one.		(first letter =
	(third letter = $\dots R$)		White Flag (Dido)
	She's the One (Robbie Williams)		
- 3	Charles to the annual and Dill be added.	U	Every bond* you break,
			Every step you take,
	Surely one more moment		I'll be watching
	couldn't break my		(first letter = Every Breath You Take (Sting)
	(second letter =) Gotta Get Thru This (Daniel Bedingfield)		Every Breath four take (Stilly)
	dotta det filla fills (Saillet Sedingfield)	11)	You're gonna be the one who me
3)	Will you still need me,		And after all, you're my wonder wall.
	will you still me		(second letter =
	When I'm sixty-four?		Wonderwall (Oasis)
	(third letter =)	4 24	
	When I'm Sixty-four (The Beatles)	12)	For now have to wait,
			But baby, if you change your mind, don't be late,
4)	I'm flying high,		(third letter =
	like the wind, reaching the;		Whole Again (Atomic Kitten)
	I'll never doubt again.		
	(tenth letter =)		
	Anything is Possible (Gareth Gates)		9 3 6 7 12 2 10
5)	And I think it's going to be a long, long time		
	Till touchdown* brings me round again to find		
	I'm not the they think I am at home.		8 1 4 5 11
	(third letter =)		
	Rocket Man (Elton John)		VOCABULARY
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6)	You'll always be the that fills my head		What is it in
	(fifth letter =)		your language?
	Never had a Dream Come True (S Club 7)		Find out!
	Wasan taka mu tima far ma all ma		touchdown
	Wanna take my time for me, all me		touchdown
	So tomorrow I'll find my way home.		
	(fourth letter =) Maybe Tomorrow (Stereophonics)		to surrender
	maybe formation (stereophorita)		
8)	Look the stars,		bond
	look how they shine for you		
	And all the things that you do.		M.
	(first letter =)		www.poplyrics.net

Yellow (Coldplay)



Party in the Park

Every July, 100,000 people go to Hyde Park in London for the Party in the Park. Pop stars from all over the world take part in a concert to raise money for the Prince's Trust. In 2003 the Party in the Park raised £1 million, but the Prince's Trust needs to raise £53 million every year. Why? And what is it?

The Princes's Trust

It's been running since 1976. The 'prince' in the title is Prince Charles. He realised that many young people (aged 14 - 30) were not rich enough or skilful* enough to reach their full potential* in life. Some of them came from poor homes and weren't rich enough to go to university. Others had been in trouble* with the police or simply had not been lucky enough to have chances to develop their skills. The Trust helps young people to get training and experience*. It's got special links with sport, music and fashion, and it organises workshops to give disadvantaged* young people some useful experience. If some of the young people who join the projects are ambitious enough, they can sometimes get help from the Prince's Trust to start their own small businesses*. The Trust helped two ex-prisoners to start a fishing club; it helped to train lifeguards* on the beaches in Cornwall, and it built a community centre on a poor housing estate*. Since 1976, the Prince's Trust has



helped over half a million young people. If you are between 18 and 25 and if you have musical talent, you can go on a one-week music course organised by the Trust. You learn how to set your own music goals, play new styles, play in a band, perform 'live' on the last night of the course, and you get specialist instrument tuition*. It's very popular.

VOCABULARY **CHECK LIST**

What is it in your language? Find out!

skilful

potential

in trouble

experience

disadvantaged

small business

lifeguard

housing estate

tuition

www.princes-trust.org

Who's that girl?



Prince Charles always goes to the Party in the Park and sits with the performers. Who did he sit next to a few years ago? If you guess after one clue, give yourself 10 points. If you guess after two clues, give yourself 9 points, after 3 clues 8 points, etc. Don't cheat! Now make up 10 clues about another famous person. See if your friends can guess who it is.

- 1 She's a singer.
- 2 Her birthday is on 21st January.
- 3 She's a Prince's Trust Ambassador.
- 4 She used to be in a famous pop group.
- 5 She's met Nelson Mandela.
- 6 One of her best friends is married to a world-famous footballer.
- 7 She's got blonde hair.
- 8 She's very rich.
- 9 Her nickname used to be Baby.
- 10 Her friends' nicknames were Ginger, Sporty, Scary and Posh.



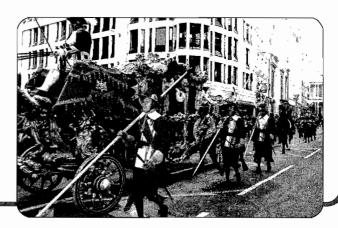
The Lord Mayor's Show

It takes place on the second Saturday in November every year. Half a million people usually watch the procession* on the streets and three million people watch it on TV. It was the first event* to be broadcast 'live' on television.

During the Show, the new Lord Mayor is taken from the Mansion House in the centre of the City of London, past St Paul's Cathedral built by Sir Christopher Wren, and on to the Law Courts in the Strand. There he makes a promise* to serve the Queen faithfully* for his year as Mayor, and then returns to the Mansion House.

There is always a splendid procession. Four hundred years ago a camel walked in the procession when the Mayor went to meet Queen Elizabeth I. The State Coach (the beautiful golden carriage* carrying the Lord Mayor) is preceded by two hundred soldiers, two hundred horses and sixty-five floats (big lorries with people in carnival costumes). Forty-three tonnes of sand are put on the streets to protect* the horses' feet. There are also sixteen marching bands and

eighteen horse-drawn carriages. There are fireworks in the evening. The State Coach was built in 1757, but there has been a Lord Mayor of London (and a Lord Mayor's Show) since 1189. You can read about it in three of Shakespeare's plays, and Canaletto and Hogarth both painted the procession.



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The Lord Mayor's Show has only been interrupted* once for the Duke of Wellington's funeral. To find the date, subtract TOTAL B from TOTAL A:

Add the following numbers:

Bands in the procession Artists who have painted the procession Shakespeare's plays which describe it

Horse-drawn carriages

The date when the State Coach was built

Floats in the procession

Tonnes of sand on the streets of London

Horses in the procession

TOTAL A =

Add the following numbers:

Soldiers in the procession

The number of weeks in a year

TOTAL B =

The year the procession was interrupted for the Duke of Wellington's funeral was

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

procession

event

promise

faithfully

carriage

to protect

to interrupt

www.lordmayorsshow.org



Legendary Londoners

Dick Whittington

Read these statements about Dick Whittington and match the correct question tags to each one. Look at the alphabet letter in front of each question tag and put it in the space over the correct number in the TAG BOX to find the name of the hill where Dick Whittington heard the church bells.



1	Dick was born in the 1350s, wasn't he?					
2	He went to London to find work,					
3	He didn't have any money,					
4	Mr Fitzwarren asked Dick to invest* money in a sailing voyage, but Dick wasn't a rich man,					
5	Dick gave Mr Fitzwarren his cat instead*, and asked him to sell it. Then Dick decided to return to Gloucester, but the church bells started ringing,					
6	The bells were speaking to him, saying: "Turn again, Whittington!" So Dick turned round and went back to London where he found that Lord Fitzwarren's ship had returned from its voyage. There had been thousands of rats in one of the countries it had visited,					
7	The brave cat had killed all the rats and the reward* was huge,					
8	We all know this story because there is a famous pantomime based on it,					
	TAG BOX H - didn't he? E - isn't there? G - hadn't there? A - did he? T - didn't they? H - wasn't he? G - wasn't it?					

Samuel Pepys

Match up the halves of these words and then find where they go in the text about this legendary Londoner. The numbers on each half combine to make a new number between 11 and 21.

Look at the alphabet key and then put the letters in the correct places in the text and they will spell out the name of the street where the Fire of London started.





Alphabet key 11 = D;12 = N;13 = P; 14 = G: 16 = U;15 = N;17 = L;18 = 1; 19 = A;20 = D;21 = E

	Samuel Pepys was born in the <u>seventeenth</u>
	about life in London, his
l	, his friends, the English Civil War* and
	the of King Charles I.
ĺ	After the death of the King, Oliver Cromwell
	England until his
ĺ	own death. Pepys supported* him, but then, like
ļ	many others, he welcomed the King's son back to
	England from Holland and he
ļ	the new King Charles. Pepys also wrote
	about two very
l	events* in the life of London: the
	Plague in 1665
l	which killed thousands of
	and the Fire of London one year later
l	which started in a baker's shop. It
	almost all of the
	City of London, including St Paul's Cathedral. Sir
	Christopher Wren
	a new cathedral in the same place.





Sherlock Holmes

Arthur Conan Doyle invented* the character of Sherlock Holmes in 1887. He wrote sixty stories about his famous detective and his friend Dr Watson between 1887 and 1927. He even tried to 'kill' Holmes in 1893, but all the readers protested and he brought him back again in 1901 for a story called The Hound of the Baskervilles.

We never learn much about Holmes himself in the stories, except that he was tall, thin, had piercing* eyes and a hawk*-like nose. He played the violin, and was also good at fencing and boxing. He had a passionate interest in chemistry.

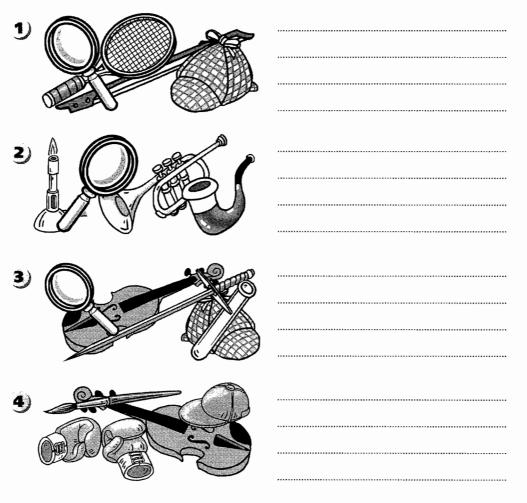
Conan Doyle studied medicine in Edinburgh University and this is why Holmes uses forensic* science to solve crimes. Everyone recognises Holmes because of his famous deerstalker hat, his magnifying glass and his pipe. Holmes lived in 221B Baker Street. Some people think he really existed because you can visit Holmes' 'house' which is a museum dedicated to Conan Doyle's hero.



Look at these four groups of objects. Which group comes from 221B Baker Street? Under each group of objects write either:

These can't be from 221B Baker Street because Holmes didn't play ... I smoke ... / wear ... / and didn't like ... OR

These must be from 221B Baker Street because Holmes played ... I smoked ... I wore ... and liked ...



VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

to invest

instead

reward

pantomime

civil war

to support

event

to invent

piercing

hawk

forensic

www.longtimeago.com/llta_folktales_dickwhittington.html

www.pepys.info/

www.sherlockian.net



Cockney Rhyming Slang

What is a Cockney?

Most people think that a Cockney is anybody who is from or lives in London, but this is not true! Cockney traditionally means a Londoner who lives within five miles of St Mary's Church in Bow, East London.

What is Cockney rhyming slang?

Hampstead Heath

Cockney rhyming* slang is a slang form of language from London. Most Cockney rhyming slang

works by having two words or a phrase. For example: Daisy Roots (= boots). The last word in the pair rhymes with its meaning, Roots = Boots.

However, to make this more confusing, the rhyming slang is often shortened to the first word in the phrase. For example: Where are my daisies?

Cockney rhyming slang is confusing for a reason. It was used in the 1800s as a code by East End London street traders* and then

also by criminals* who didn't want the police to know what they were talking about. Because the police had to understand this code, they had to write it down, and that is how it became widely known.

Some Cockney rhyming slang is common all over the UK. Here are two examples:

Are you going to rabbit all night! (Rabbit and pork = talk) Use your loaf and think next time! (Loaf of bread = head)

Body parts?

Can you label the parts of the body on this person using Cockney rhyming slang?

2 3 4 5	Mince pies Plates of meat Ham and eggs Boat Race				A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O	
		The state of the s	/	A	(X)	\
		A CONTINUES CALCULATION OF				,
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Cockney rhyming slang today

Cockney rhyming slang has recently become fashionable with many young people in the UK, perhaps because it was used in two gangster* movies Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels and Snatch. In fact, many young people have started making up their own modern rhyming slang. It makes them look cool, and like the criminals and street traders before, allows them to talk about things without their parents or teachers understanding.

Modern rhyming slang often uses the names of famous people. Here are three examples. Look at the sentences below. What do you think they mean?

1 Britney Spears

I'm going out for a few Britneys at the pub later. Fancy coming?

Meaning =

2 Tony Blair

Hey, nice Tony. Did you get it cut?

Meaning =

3 Claire Rayner

(She's a popular agony aunt in the UK - a person who answers people's problems in magazines.) Wow! You've got new Claire Rayners. Are they Adidas?

Meaning =

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VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

to rhyme

trader

criminal

gangster



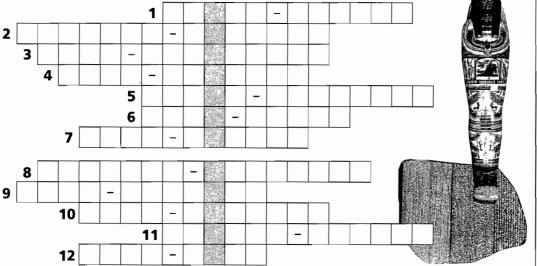
The British Museum

Put the correct compound adjectives which are missing from the text into the grid to learn the name of one of the most famous exhibits in the British Museum.

The British Museum is the oldest museum in the world
and it covers two million years of world history and
culture. Its (1) collection of statues,
carvings, mummies*, jewels and coins makes it a number
one attraction for tourists. It has taken scholars many
years to decipher* the (2)
hieroglyphics (pictures and symbols) on the Egyptian
tombs. Amongst the British exhibits from the
first century A.D. is Lindow Man, the
(3) body of a man which
was found in a bog*. Lindow Man was poor, unlike the
Egyptian mummies which are (4)
and surrounded by expensive possessions. From Roman
Britain there is a wonderful (5)
mosaic floor; from the twelfth century, the Lewis
chess men are probably the Museum's
(6)items; they are on lots of
postcards and you can buy copies of them in the
Museum shop. In the African galleries you can see a
beautiful (7) Nigerian head
of a woman. But most people's favourite items are
the mummies. The Egyptian queens have
(8) names such as
Seshepenmehit. Their bodies were found in ornate
(9) coffins deep inside the

well-dressed • multi-coloured • well-read hand-carved • strange-looking • hard-working ginger-haired • gold-painted • well-preserved best-known • unusual-sounding • world-famous

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Pyramids which were built by thousands of
(10)slaves*. The most famous
Egyptian in the British Museum is nicknamed* 'Ginger'
because you can still see the original skin and hair on
this 5,000-year-old (11) farmer
whose body was found in the sand along with his burial
goods. If you don't like dead bodies, you can visit the
Reading Room where some of the world's most
(12) thinkers, writers and
philosophers such as Karl Marx, Ghandi and Dickens
used to sit and study.
VOCABULARY V

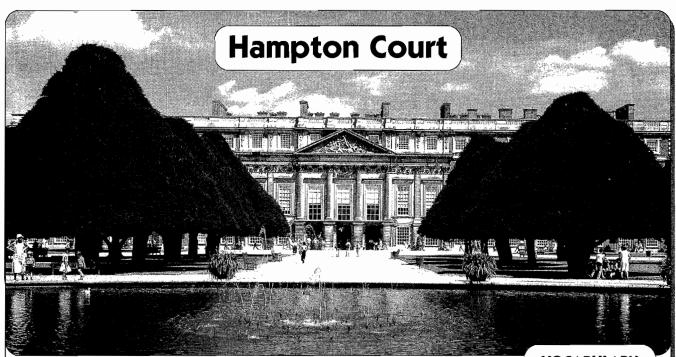


Theis a wonderful treasure from the year 196 B.C. The text in three 'languages' (Hieroglyophics, Demotic and Greek) honours Ptolemy, the Pharaoh at that time. It was discovered in 1799.

CHECK LIST What is it in your language? Find out!
mummy
to decipher
bog
slave
to nickname

www.the britishmuseum.ac.uk





If you could travel in time and return to the sixteenth century*, you would probably* like to visit Hampton Court Palace which is west of London and on the banks of the River Thames. If you did, you would see that things were very different in those days. You would be surprised how busy the River was, and of course, there were only a few roads and you would only see people on horses or going on foot along them. You would be able to marvel* at the huge parks around the Palace and the deer* walking in them (although you can still see them there today!).

Henry VIII

Thomas Wolsey built the Palace with its 280 guest rooms and he then had to give it to Henry VIII as a present! As a time traveller, you would see long galleries*, beautiful paintings, libraries full of books, a chapel, and 500 servants rushing everywhere preparing meals 'fit for* a king'. Roast deer, roast swan and

roast peacock* would probably be on the menu for dinner. You would be able to visit the famous maze* which still exists* today. It's as much fun getting lost in the maze now as it was then.

Henry VIII is famous for having six wives.

Elizabeth I

Elizabeth went to live in Hampton Court Palace one year after she became queen in 1558. She spent Christmas at the Palace and life was wonderful. They all enjoyed banquets, balls, plays, music, dancing, tennis, shooting and hunting. The Great Hall of the Palace is the oldest theatre in England. Explorers* such as Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake were often guests of Elizabeth.

Later Years

The Palace continued to have an interesting history. Sir Christopher Wren built some new parts and both Charles I and Oliver Cromwell lived there. Samuel Pepys was a regular visitor, and rich people went there to escape the Plague in 1665.

If you visited it today, you would be astonished at how magnificent it still looks...but beware of* the ghost of Kathryn Howard!

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

century

probably

to marvel

deer

gallery

fit for

peacock

maze

to exist

explorer

beware of

www.hrp.org.uk/webcode/hampton_home.asp



The Six Wives of Henry VIII

This is the rhyme which we use to remember what happened to Henry's wives: Divorced, beheaded, died;

Divorced, beheaded, survived.

Read the text and see if you can identify each of the gueens.

Anne of Cleves was only married to Henry for a few months.

Neither Katherine Parr nor Anne Boleyn were Henry's first wife.

Jane Seymour died after giving birth to Henry's son, Edward. She wasn't his last wife.

Anne Boleyn and Kathryn Howard were executed.

Catherine of Aragon was married to Henry for twenty-four years.

Kathryn Howard was married to Henry for two years.

- 1 She married Henry in 1509; she was divorced in 1533.
- 2 She married Henry in 1533; they cut off her head in 1536.
- 3 She married Henry in 1536; she died in 1537.
- 4 She married Henry in 1540; she was divorced in the same year.

Anne of Cleves

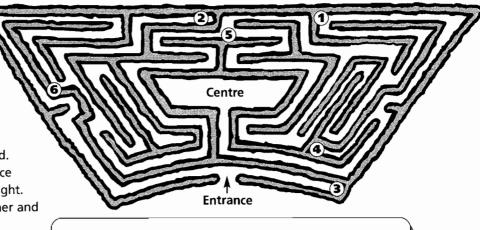


- 5 She married Henry in 1540; they cut her head off in 1542.
- 6 She married Henry in 1543; she died in 1548. (Henry died the year before.)

The Maze

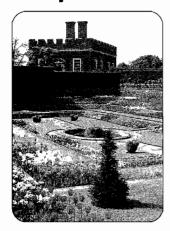
Using the same numbers for the six wives as above, which wife would you find if you followed these instructions?

Go to the centre of the maze. Follow the path out and around. When you have to make a choice between left or right, choose right. Follow the path round the corner and she is standing in front of you.

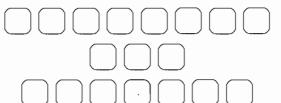


The wife is:

Hampton Court Garden



Sir Walter Raleigh brought back lots of presents for Elizabeth. She put two of them in the garden of Hampton Court. Find the names of Henry VIII's six wives in the word search and you will be left with the names of the two plants.



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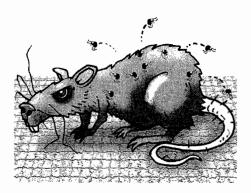


The London Dungeon

The London Dungeon is near London Bridge. It's London's scariest museum. It tells people about London's darker past. Although it's scary*, you can also learn a lot about history, including Boudicca, the Great Plague and Jack the Ripper.

Boudicca

In AD61 thousands of Roman soldiers and their families were living in Britain. Boudicca (sometimes called Boadicea) was queen of the Iceni, an English tribe*. She led the Iceni in a revolt* against the Romans. She was very brave, but her tribe lost the war. The Iceni burned three cities including London.



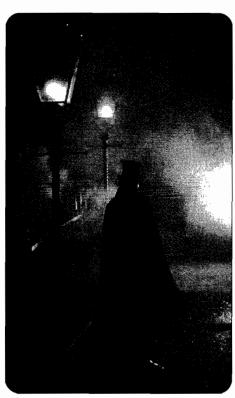
The Great Plague

In 1665 more than 100,000 people died in the Great Plague*. The disease was carried by fleas* which lived on black rats. The rats came off ships which sailed into London. It wasn't known how the disease was passed from one person to another. At first it was thought that all the dogs and cats in the city were to blame*, so 40,000 dogs and 80,000 cats were destroyed. However, the problem was made worse because the fleas jumped straight from the rats onto people! Rich people were advised to leave London and move to their country houses to avoid* the Plague. One third of all those people left in London died. A red cross was painted on the door of each house where it was known that there was a person dying of the Plague. All the dead bodies were taken and buried in large Plague pits*. Men with carts walked through the streets, and the shouts of "Bring out your dead!" were often heard.



Jack the Ripper

One of London's scariest inhabitants was Jack the Ripper. The streets of London used to be very dangerous in Victorian times because there was a lot of poverty*, homelessness* and crime*, especially in the East End near Whitechapel. Five women were brutally* murdered in ten weeks in 1888 by a man known as 'Jack the Ripper'. 600 policeman tried to solve the crime, but he was never caught. Several famous people were suspected*, including Queen Victoria's son, the Queen's doctor and Walter Sickert, a well-known artist.



VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

scary

tribe

revolt

plague

flea

blame

to avoid

pit

poverty

homelessness

crime

brutally

suspect

www.thedungeons.com



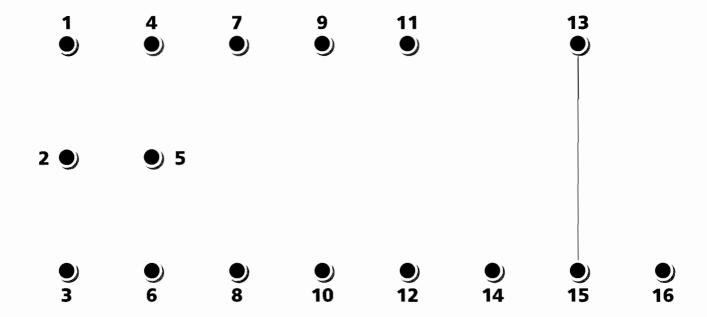
The Prime Suspect

Many theories have been put forward about the identity of Jack the Ripper.

Choose the correct verb to complete each sentence below, and join the appropriate dots on the grid. It will spell a word.

- Patricia Cornwell, the famous American detective writer, **is known** (6 9) / **is convinced** (13 15) that the Ripper was Walter Sickert, the artist.
- 2) She has even spent her own money on DNA tests which were carried out (4 5) / were taken out (12 13) on letters written by the Ripper.
- Some letters were sent (11 12) / were brought (4 7) to the police by the Ripper but others were fakes, written by journalists.
- 4) One letter was signed (3 6) / was chosen (11 13) with the words: "Catch me if you can."
- The Ripper was told (9 11) / was described (1 – 2) by witnesses as being a short man with a beard who spoke with a foreign accent.
- **6)** Queen Victoria's son, was inspected (5 8) / was suspected (12 –14) of being the Ripper.
- There was a rumour that he had been married (5 6) / has married (13 –1 6) in secret to a working-class girl in Whitechapel.

- Some people say that the royal doctor was persuaded (8 10) / was given (2 3) to kill the girl's five friends to keep the secret safe.
- The doctor had been blessed (7 9) / had been knighted (7 8) by the Queen, and received the title 'Sir'. His first name was William.
- People say that he wanted the marriage **to be taken** (5 7) / **to be kept** (1 4) secret because
 the girl had had a baby.
- Jack was spoken (3 4) was called (2 5) 'the Ripper' because he ripped (cut) the bodies of his victims.
- Another suspect was a schoolteacher called Druitt, but his body was found (9 10) / was appeared (1 5) in the Thames in December 1888.
- If the dots below **have been joined** (15 16) / **have been left** (11 14) correctly, you can see the surname of the royal doctor. You already know his first name and his title.



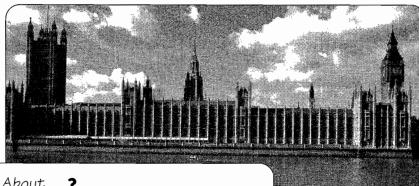
The full name and title of the royal doctor is:



Westminster and the Houses of Parliament

The Palace of Westminster, as it used to be called, is one of the oldest buildings in London. It's now the centre of British politics*. Complete the multi-word verbs in the text using words from the list.

at • on • place • out on • at • -about • after place • on • up • around down • up • up • around up • on • away • down



How Did it All Come (1) About ?

In 1014 the Anglo-Saxons and the Norwegian Vikings sailed (2)
the River Thames. Danish Vikings stood (3) London Bridge and
threw spears* and stones (4) them, but the Norwegians pulled
(5)roofs from houses to protect their boats. They used ropes to
pull the bridge down. Finally, after many battles, a fierce Danish warrior* called
Canute became King of England in 1016. He called (6) everyone to
live in peace. After he died, King Edward the Confessor carried (7)
with his good work and built London's first great building*: Westminster Abbey.
An earlier church (St Peter's) stood (8) the site* before. While the
new Abbey was going (9), Edward could look (10)
it from his home – the Palace of Westminster which was nearby. Sadly, he passed
(11)a week after the Abbey was finished.

Re-building the Abbey

200 years later, Henry III pulled it (12) and built a new abbey. Monks
looked (13) the farmland around it and grew herbs* (for medicine).
You can still go (14) the 900-year-old Abbey garden.
Every king or queen since William the Conqueror (1066) has been crowned in the
Abbey. The last royal coronation* took (15) in 1953. Lots of kings,
queens and other famous people are buried there too. When Henry V died, his
battle horses were led (16) to the altar* with his body. Visitors can
walk (17) the Abbey when there are no church services and can see
the memorials put (18) to people like Shakespeare and Chaucer.

The Houses of Parliament

Royal Christmas feasts*, coronation banquets and trials* have taken (19)
in Westminster Hall which is the oldest part of the palace still remaining. In 1834 a
• • • • • •
terrible fire wiped (20)a lot of the old palace. It was rebuilt, and
contains 1,000 rooms. It contains the House of Commons (the main parliament) and
the House of Lords where people with noble titles (Lord, Lady, Sir, etc) discuss laws
suggested by Members of Parliament in the House of Commons.

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is i	t in
your langu	age?
Find ou	t!

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Warrior	
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building

site

herbs

coronation

altar

feast

trial

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Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot

Guy Fawkes was one of the group of men who plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605. The Roman Catholic plotters wanted the Protestant King James to be more tolerant to Catholics. One plotter sent a letter to warn a friend not to go the Houses of Parliament. The King found out and his guards searched the cellars of Parliament and found Guy Fawkes.

Go through the maze joining up the multi-word verbs which complete the sentences. If you join them up correctly and take the alphabet letters in the corners of the squares you will see the name of the leader of the plotters

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It was late at night when Guy Fawkes to)
the cellars of the Houses of Parliament. He looked round for	
somewhere to sit. At first he on one of t	the
barrels, but then he felt tired so he on t	he

f	loor. He fell asleep for a few minutes but
	when he heard a noise. He
	quickly and hid behind a barrel
Þ	A voice"Who's there?!".
S	uddenly a group of guards
а	andone of the barrels. They
	the corner and saw something
n	nove. Guy almostas he tried to
	but they
r	nim and caught him. He was,
t	ortured and executed and a few days later all the
c	other plotters were caught and killed too. Now
E	inglish people burn a 'guy' on a bonfire each
Ν	November 5th to remind everyone of that moment
i	n history.

START

went down	R	sat down	0	lay down	В	lay in	S	put on	E
got by	A	got up	R	woke up	E	fell off	C	sat up	U
passed out	V	called out	T	called on	Н	came up	F	carried away	Y
gave up	M	burst in	С	knocked over	Α	came round	Т	ran after	В
came across	L	broke down	1	brought up	P	fell over	E	run away	S



London Parks

London has more parks and big gardens than almost any other capital city. Put the correct missing words in the sentences and then put the words into the trees and you can find the name of the London park which has an open air theatre. During the summer you can watch Shakespeare's plays when it isn't raining.

Hyde Park

Hyde Park is the 1largest central
London Park. It used to be a royal hunting
forest and sometimes 2
used to go there to 3
duels*. There's a big lake in the middle of
Hyde Park called the Serpentine. Some
people swim in the Serpentine on
Christmas Day.

Kensington Gardens

Part of the lake is in Kensington Gardens.		
4, wild bulls* and wild		
boar* used to live there a long time ago.		
Speakers' Corner is in Hyde Park near		
Marble Arch. It's a place where		
5 can go to make a		
speech on a Sunday afternoon. There's a		
6 of Peter Pan in the park		
and also a tree full of carved* elves*		
called The Elfin Oak		

St James's Park

There is an old French game called paille maille. It's like croquet* and Charles II used to play this game in St James's Park. The road next to it is now called Pall Mall.

Regent's Park

Regent's Park also used to be a		
hunting forest. Over one hundred		
7 ago people used		
to 8 things on canals.		
You can still hire boats on the		
Regent's Canal and sail to Camden in		
north London. And of course there's		
the Zoo in Regent's Park where		
people used to visit Guy the gorilla.		

Holland Park

Holland Park is a pretty little park near Notting Hill and it's full of bluebells* in spring time.

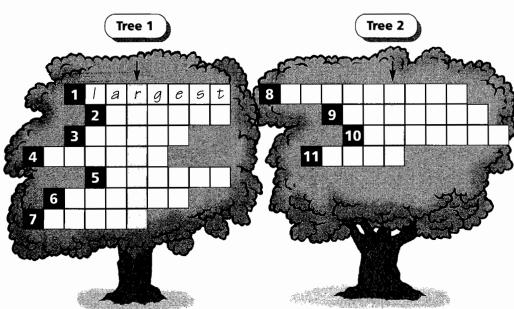
Richmond Park

King 9 the First
used to enjoy hunting and he made
Richmond an enclosed* park in 1632
It's one of the largest enclosed parks
in 10
deer in this huge 11
and ducks and swans on the ponds.
600,000 years ago lions and
rhinoceroses used to live there.

statue	park
years	Britain
people	Charles
anyone	wolves
fight	-largest
transport	



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Art in London

Pick the correct passive verbs in the text to discover what has made the ten British artists on the bottom half of this page famous.

Most people 1are very impressed are very interested (j) / are very
impressed (f) by the amount of art on display in London. The National
Gallery in Trafalgar Square has one of the largest collections of pictures in
the world. Paintings by Da Vinci, Titian, Velasquez, Holbein and many others
2 are exhibited (c) / are extended (a) there.
The National Portrait Gallery 3 has found itself (i) /
is situated (a) just around the corner from the National Gallery. Tate Britain is
on the River Thames and it's near the Houses of Parliament. There are a lot
of modern paintings there as well as pictures by Turner and Constable, but
many of the very recent ones 4 have been
borrowed (j) / have been taken (g) to Tate Modern. Tate Modern used to be
a power station with a gigantic turbine* hall which is now a gallery, and it's

Tate Modern

5 linked (h) / lined (b) to St Paul's Cathedral by a bridge 6 called (c) / known (b) as 'The Wobbly* Bridge' because it used to move when a lot of people walked on it. Tate Modern 7 was

engineered (d) / was designed (e) by Giles Gilbert Scott who was also the architect responsible for* Liverpool's new cathedral and London's red telephone boxes. Art enthusiasts 8 are transported (d) / are translated (j)

from Tate Modern to Tate Britain by a boat service called 'Tate to Tate'. In Tate Modern you can see paintings by modern artists such as Andy Warhol, Picasso and Lichtenstein and 'op art' (optical illusions) by Bridget Riley.

- 1 Stubbs (1724-1806) is best known for
- 2 Constable (1776-1837) is best known for
- 3 Turner (1775-1851) is best known for
- 4 Blake (1757-18270 is best known for
- 5 Hogarth (1697-1764) is best known for
- 6 Gainsborough (1727-1788) is best known for
- 7 David Hockney (1937-) is best known for
- 8 Lowry (1887-1976) is best known for

- a) his paintings of sea, sky, ships and landscapes
- b) his paintings of ladies in big long dresses with large curly silver wigs
- c) his paintings of English country landscapes
- d) his paintings of British northern industrial towns full of 'matchstick* men'
- e) his paintings of Californian swimming pools and 1960s people
- f) his paintings of horses
- g) his mystical* religious paintings
- h) his satirical* drawings of 18th century London life

VOCABULARY CHECK LIST

What is it in your language? Find out!

turbine

wobbly

responsible for

matchstick

mystical

satirical

www.nationalgallery.org.uk



Pubs and Clubs

Many of the pubs in London have been there for hundreds of years. The 'club scene' is more recent. You can dance to all kinds of music: garage, techno, hip hop and rock. Many of the clubs have age limits* and rules about how you are allowed to dress.

You are not allowed to buy an alcoholic drink in a pub if you are under eighteen. Recently* the laws have changed and some pubs are allowed to serve drinks all day. Before the pubs close, the landlord* shouts, "Last orders!" and people are allowed to buy one more drink before the pub

closes. You aren't allowed to take children into a pub unless the pub has a restaurant. Some pubs have beer gardens and families are allowed to sit outside. People enjoy sitting round a table with a drink telling jokes and clever stories like this one. Put the correct verbs into the spaces.

agreed fell stood was smiled poured came began lost shook

A philosophy professor (1) before his class and
(2) filling a large glass jar with rocks. The students
(3) that the jar (4) full. So the
professor (5) and picked up a box of small
pebbles* and poured them into the jar. The pebbles, of course,
(6) into the small spaces. Then the professor
(7) a box of sand into the jar, (8)
it, and the sand completely filled the jar.
"This jar represents your life," said the professor. "The rocks are the important things – your family, your health; if you

(9) everything else, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the smaller things that matter - your job, your house, your car. The sand represents the trivial* things. If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks, just like life. Take care of the rocks first - the things that really matter. The rest is just sand."

Then a student (10) to the front of the class and poured a can of beer into the jar and it was easily absorbed*. The moral of this tale is: No matter how full your life is, there is always room for beer.



What is it in your language? Find out!

limit

recently

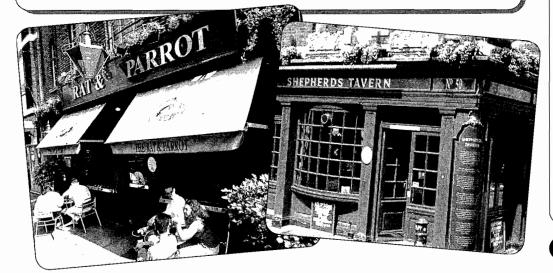
landlord

pebble

trivial

to absorb

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Greenwich

The best way to visit Greenwich is to go by boat from Westminster pier. Greenwich is the home of the National Maritime Museum and the Royal Observatory.

The National Maritime Museum (designed by Sir Christopher Wren) has got a big collection of maps, manuscripts, models of famous ships and portraits of famous sailors and explorers.

The Royal Observatory was built in 1678 to solve the problem of finding longitude – a ship's exact position east and west while at sea and out of sight of land. Early sailors used the stars to help them navigate and they could tell the time from the position of the sun. However, they needed to know

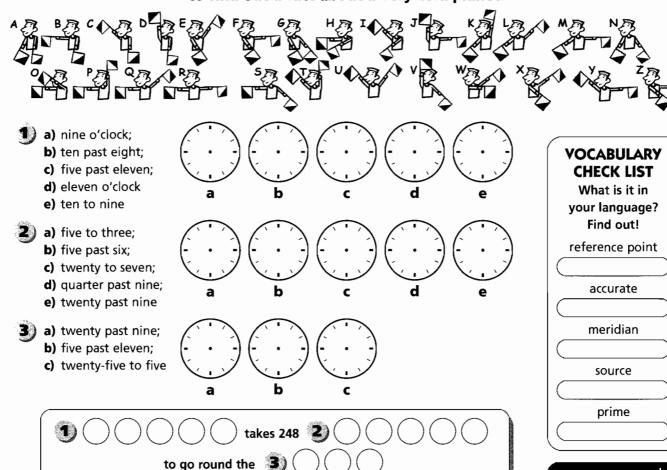
what the time was at a fixed reference point* because time moves forwards and backwards every 15° one travels (east or west). Clocks were not accurate* at sea, and each country had its own zero meridian*. In 1884, at a conference in Washington, USA, most countries in the world agreed to make Greenwich the source* of the prime* meridian (0°).

You can also find out about the night sky at the planetarium in Greenwich.





Put the times on the clocks and use the semaphore code to find out a fact about a very cold planet.





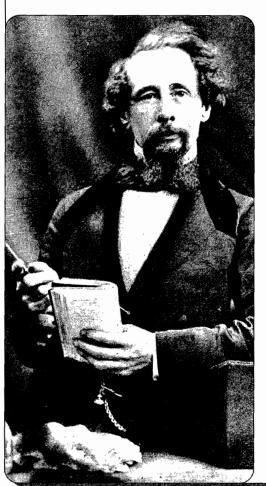
Charles Dickens

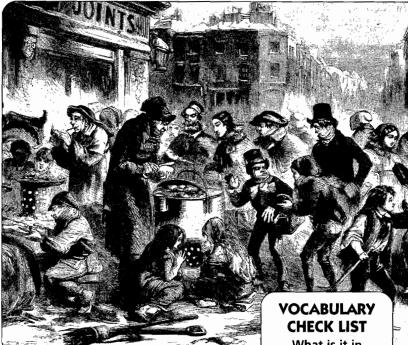
Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth in 1812 and died in London in 1870. He is buried in Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey.

Victorian London

Dickens spent most of his life in London and often used to walk between ten and twenty miles* all over the city when he was unable to sleep and was thinking about the plot of a new novel. While walking, he used to observe the sights, sounds and smells of London in order to write about them. In 1800 there were one million people in London, but by 1880 there were four and a half million! Because of the Industrial Revolution, Britain, and especially London, grew very quickly.

People used to travel through the streets of London in horse-drawn carriages. Every hour at least one thousand carriages crossed London Bridge, so there used to be a lot of mess* on the streets from the horses!





It also used to be a noisy city because people who were selling things used to shout to advertise their goods. People used to drink water from the Thames so it's not surprising that many of them used to get very ill and many people died of cholera. The city used to smell and it was also very dirty. Smoke used to pour from the chimneys of thousands of houses and factories; the streets were dark because there only used to be gas lamps, and the dark alleys* were full of beggars*, thieves* and people who were drunk.

Poverty

London used to be a terrible place for poor people, especially children. In 1839 nearly half of all the funerals* in London were for children under the age of ten. Those who survived had little or no education and Dickens believed that education was the way to break the cycle of poverty as it had done for him. In his books he used to expose all these awful social* problems.

What is it in your language? Find out!

mile

mess

alley

beggar

thief

funeral

social

installment

soap opera

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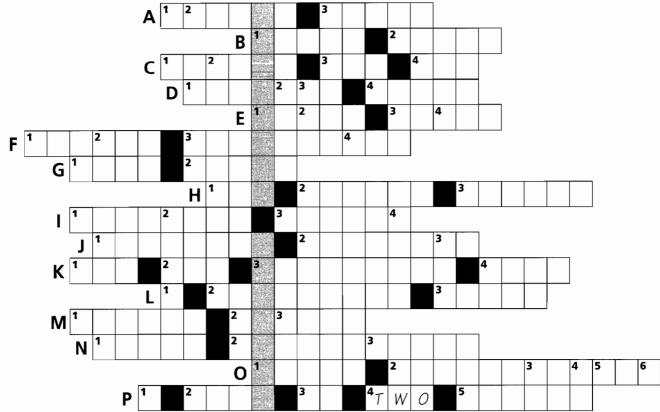
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Dickens' novels

Dickens used to publish all his stories in serialised form. People used to read weekly installments* of his novels in magazines and he became a publishing phenomenon. Each installment used to end with a 'cliff-hanger' - a dramatic moment which left everyone desperate to know what happened next, just like today's modern

soap operas*. Dickens said: "I make them laugh; I make them cry; I make them wait." Solve the clues below, write them in the grid, and you will see the name of all Dickens' novels. In the shaded squares you will also see the name of one of his most famous characters. When you see CAPITAL LETTERS, just copy them into the grid.



A number between 1 and 3 (P4) Shared by two or more people (H2) Miserable, gloomy (B1) A place where you buy things (K4) An organ which takes poison from the body (A2) English name for the Christmas saint (J1) You use a timetable to find the – of trains (G2) A reddish-brown coloured metal (N2) To think something is going to arrive (O2) A verb often confused with make (M2) Farm building where cows live (D1) Preposition meaning near or next to (D3) A girl's name and Christmas song (L3) A meadow where cows live (N3) Preposition meaning *near* or *next to* (J3) Pages of a book are made from it (I3) Fibre or cord in a candle which burns (I2) A conjunction, eg fish – chips (C3) A fascinating object or desire to know things (K3) A big December holiday (L2)

Where people live (B2) Opposite of soft (G1)

Definite article (K1) Indefinite article (P1) Humour (F4) Short for Edward (E1) Large towns (P5) A pal (H3) 1 (04) OOD (E4) S (O6) Opposite of new (K2) Short for Doctor (E3) A cheap metal (F2) Story (P2) MAR (F1) Opposite of lose (E2) MBEY (C2) A cup - tea (P3) Indefinite article (L1)

Very big (O1) Opposite of big (M1) RUDGE (D4) Mother, father, daughter - (C4) O (A1) To turn (A3) How do you -? (C1) A (D2) CHUZZLE (F3) I get up – seven o'clock (O3) I sleep late - Sundays (O5) DAVID (N1) RRIT (M3) NICKLE (J2) Belonging to us (H1) To take or choose (I1) S (14)

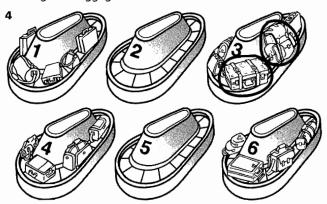
The famous Dickens character is:

Answers

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Arriving in London

- 1 1 Heathrow, 2 Gatwick, 3 Luton, 4 Stansted, 5 City
- 2 You go to passport control
- 3 You go to baggage reclaim



5 You go to the Exit

6

Name of airport	Where do you arrive?	How long does it take?	How much does it cost?
Heathrow	Paddington	15 mins	£13
Gatwick	Victoria	30 mins	£11
Stansted	Liverpool Street	45 mins	£13
Luton	London Bridge	30 mins	£10

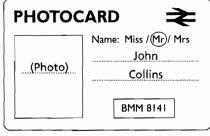
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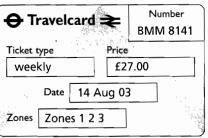
London transport

Help the tourist!

1 = bus 1 e, 2 = bus 88 c, 3 = bus 42 d, 4 = bus 159 b, 5 = bus 11 a

Travelcard





Buying a travel card / ticket.

Tourist: A one-day travelcard to London, please.

(Not please a one-day travelcard) Travel assistant: That's £4.90 please.

Tourist: Here's £5.00.

Travel assistant: Thank you. Here's your ticket and change.

Tourist: Thank you.

Pages 12 & 13

Going by Tube

1 - Central, 2 - Circle, 3 - Piccadilly, 4 - Victoria,

5 - Northern, 6 - District, 7 - Bakerloo,

8 - Hammersmith and City, 9 - Jubilee, 10 - Metropolitan,

11 – Waterloo and City, 12 – Docklands Light Railway

Finish these sentences:

a three, b Paddington and Notting Hill Gate, c Piccadilly

Pages 14 & 15

The London Eye

A great view!

1 Trafalgar Square, 2 Tower Bridge, 3 Big Ben,

4 St Paul's Cathedral, 5 A black taxi

How much does it cost?

1 £16.50, 2 £100.00, 3 £20.00, 4 £22.00, 5 £40.00

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The Tower of London

Numbers search

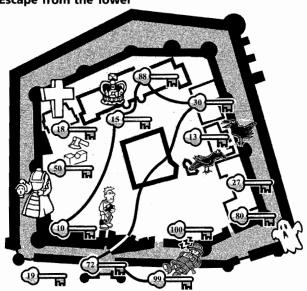
A = three hundred (in the Crown Jewels paragraph)

B = seven (in the ravens paragraph)

C = nine hundred (in the introduction)

D = forty (in the Beefeaters paragraph)

Escape from the Tower



Pages 18 & 19

The River Thames

Frogtours

1 e, 2 f, 3 g, 4 d, 5 i, 6 b, 7 c, 8 a, 9 h

Pages 20 & 21

London Football Clubs

Which player?

1 = David James; 2 = David James; 3 = David James; 4 = Hernan Crespo

Mascots

1 b, 2 d, 3 c, 4 a

Football chants:

1 = Chelsea; 2 = Tottenham; 3 = West Ham

Pages 22 & 23

Madame Tussaud's

1 George Bush, 2 Kylie Minogue, 3 David Beckham, 4 Jennifer Lopez

In the modelling room

1 It's the Queen's hair. 2 It's James Bond's arm. 3 It's Charlie Chaplin's moustache. 4 They're Marilyn Monroe's legs.

Page 24

Buckingham Palace

1 c, 2 a, 3 e, 4 b, 5 d, 6 g, 7 f

Page 25

The London Butterfly House

Find the butterflies

1 b, 2 f, 3 c, 4 e, 5 d, 6 a

Pages 26 & 27

Hamleys

Which floor?

1 fifth floor, 2 basement, 3 first floor, 4 third floor, 5 second floor

Speaking

1 basement, 2 second floor, 3 first floor, 4 first floor, 5 ground floor and third floor, 6 the ground floor and the fifth floor

Pages 28 & 29

Harrods

Rules of the shop

1 can't, 2 can't, 3 can, 4 can't, 5 can, 6 can't

Problems, problems

- 1 It's too big.
- 2 They are too short.
- 3 My mother already has one of these.
- 4 It's got a hole in it.
- 5 It's broken (The zip is broken).

Take it back

Shop Assistant: Can I help you? Customer: Yes, it's this jumper.

Shop Assistant: OK. What's the problem with it?

Customer: It's too big

Shop Assistant: Would you like an exchange or refund? Customer: I'd like an exchange. I'd like this jumper in a

Shop Assistant: That's fine. Have you got the receipt? Customer: Yes, here it is.

Pages 30 & 31

London's Markets

1 d, 2 e, 3 a, 4 b, 5 c

At the market

1 is £10.00, 2 is £25.00, 3 are £1.50, 4 are £0.30, 5 is £60.00, 6 are £20.00

Pages 32 & 33

London's Theatreland

London musicals

1 d, 2 a, 3 b, 4 g, 5 f, 6 c, 7 e

Booking a ticket

1 a, 2 b, 3 a, 4 b, 5 b, 6 a, 7 a

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Dogs in London

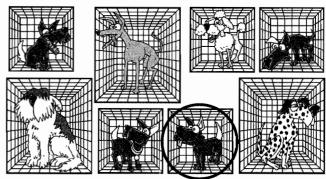
Spot the dog

1 b, 2 c, 3 a

Pet Quiz!

1 c, 2 b, 3 c, 4 a, 5 c, 6 b

Where's Sam?



Pages 36 & 37

Eating out: Food in London

Food dishes

1 fish and chips, 2 noodles, 3 curry, 4 cheeseburger, 5 pizza, 6 sushi

Fish and chips: "Open or wrapped?"

If you say 'open' you can eat your chips immediately. If you say 'wrapped'. They will put your chips in paper to keep them warm so you can eat them at home.

Restaurant names

1 Planet Hollywood = American, 5 Wok Wok = Chinese. 2 Masala Zone = Indian, 6 The Chippy = English 3 Yo! Sushi = Japanese, 7 Café Rouge = French, 8 Noodle Time = Chinese

4 Pizza Express = Italian,

At the restaurant

The dish is traditional fish and chips with vinegar.

Who says it?

Ready to order? (W) Table for two please. (C) I'm a vegetarian. (C) I'd like to pay please. (C) I'm allergic to nuts. (C) Where would you like to sit? (W) Would you like some Can I have another fork? (C) pepper? (W) I'd like the green salad. (C)

Would you like anything

to drink? (W)

Pages 38 & 39

Everyday Londoners

Writing home: suggested answers

Dear Mum / Dad

How are you? I arrived in London on Tuesday. I'm living in a bedsit in Clapham / Kensington. The most difficult thing about living in London is finding a place to live and understanding the transport system. The best thing about living in London is the nightlife. Hope you are all well. I will call you next week. Love Anna.

Calling for a job

Gianni is too casual and chatty. 1 = c, 2 = d, 3 = a, 4 = e, 5 = b

Suggested answers for Mr Briggs

Yes, speaking. How can I help? Yes, we're still looking for people.

Yes, of course. It's a part-time job. We are looking for somebody who can work evenings from 5pm -11pm, six days a week. It's £5.50 an hour. Have you got any experience of waiting?

That sounds great. We're having interviews this Tuesday at 3pm. Would you like to come?

Pages 40 & 41

The Boat Race

Boat Race statistics

1 fastest, 2 heaviest,

3 lightest,

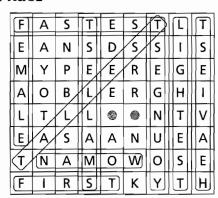
4 youngest, 5 smallest, .

6 tallest,

7 woman,

8 first.

9 female.



The oldest person to take part in the Boat Race was ANDY PROBERT who was 38. He was the Cambridge cox in 1992. In 1912 both boats SANK

Pages 42 & 43

Wimbledon: The Home of Tennis

Wimbledon rules

1 must, 2 mustn't, 3 must, 4 mustn't, 5 mustn't

Tennis talk

1 a, 2 b, 3 a

Pages 44 & 45

Theme Parks Around London

The Tomb Blaster Puzzle

The correct choices spell the words: The Forbidden Kingdom.

Five stars

extreme - five stars, intense - four stars, thrilling - three stars, fun for the family - two stars; for little children - one star.

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The London Aquarium

The correct choices spell out the sentence: More people in the U.S. are killed by bees than sharks.

Pages 48 & 49

London Zoo

The zoo maze

couldn't, transferred, arrived, walked, doubled, poked, died, opened, bit, ate, hurried, came, took, bred.

The okapi are also known by the popular name of jungle giraffes

Pages 50 & 51

EastEnders

1 e, 2 c, 3 g, 4 d, 5 a, 6 h, 7 f, 8 b, 9 i

Pages 52 & 53

The London Marathon

True or false?

2 False. 3 False. You have to be over 18. 4 True. 5 False. People collecting money for charity run in costumes. 6 True.

Pages 54 & 55

Notting Hill and the Carnival

Party people

- 1 = She's going to win the costume competition.
- 2 = He's going to be sick.
- 3 = She's going to have a headache.
- 4 = He's going to steal the mobile phone.
- 5 = He's going to get sunburn.

Notting Hill Carnival Route

The carnival is on August the 23rd. The date of the carnival can vary from year to year, but is always on the bank holiday weekend at the end of August.

Page 56

Leicester Square: London Cinemas

Film certificates

U - c, PG - e, 12A - d, 15 - a, 18 - b.

The correct answers in the film star puzzle spell out the name of the film: Love Actually.

Page 57

Music in London

The missing words are:

1 strong, 2 heart, 3 feed, 4 impossible, 5 man, 6 dream, 7 maybe, 8 at, 9 with, 10 you, 11 saves, 12 I'll.

The name of the concert venue is WEMBLEY ARENA.

Page 58

Party in the Park

Who's that girl?

The mystery person sitting next to Prince Charles is Emma Bunton who used to sing with the Spice Girls.

Page 59

The Lord Mayor's Show

The correct figures in the maths problem are: (Total A): 16, 2, 3, 18, 1757, 65, 43, 200 = 2104. (Total B): 200, 52 = 252. Total A minus Total B = 1852, the year of the Duke of Wellington's funeral.

Pages 60 & 61

Legendary Londoners

Dick Whittington:

The correct choices spell HIGHGATE. This is a region in the north of London, near Hampstead Heath.

Samuel Pepys:

The correct missing words are: seventeenth, diary, marriage, execution, ruled, became, famous, great, people, destroyed, built. The letters in the grid therefore spell out the name: PUDDING LANE.

Sherlock Holmes:

- 1 These can't be from 221B Baker Street because Holmes didn't play tennis.
- 2 These can't be from 221B Baker Street because Holmes didn't play the trumpet.
- 3 These must be from 221B Baker Street because Holmes played the violin, wore a deer stalker hat, used a magnifying glass, was a fencer and liked chemistry.
- 4 These can't be from 221B Baker Street because Holmes didn't wear a baseball cap, he didn't like painting and he didn't play football.

Page 62

Cockney Rhyming Slang

Body parts

- 1 Hampstead Heath = teeth
- 2 Mince pies = eyes
- 3 Plates of meat = feet
- 4 Ham and eggs = legs
- 5 Boat Race = face

Modern rhyming slang

- 1 Britney Spears = beers
- 2 Tony Blair = hair
- 3 Claire Rayners = trainers

Page 63

The British Museum

- 1 world-famous,
- 2 strange-looking,
- 3 well-preserved,
- 4 well-dressed,
- 5 multi-coloured,
- 6 best-known
- 7 hand-carved,
- 8 unusual-sounding,
- 9 gold-plated.
- 10 hard-working,
- 11 ginger-haired,
- 12 well-read.

The shaded letters therefore spell 'Rosetta Stone'.

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Hampton Court

The Six Wives of Henry VIII

- 1 Catherine of Aragon;
- 2 Anne Boleyn;
- 3 Jane Seymour;
- 4 Anne of Cleves;
- 5 Kathryn Howard;
- 6 Katherine Parr.

The Maze

The wife you would meet in the maze is Catherine of Aragon, wife number 1.

Hampton Court Garden

The wordsearch answers are:

The remaining letters spell the words: POTATOES AND TOBACCO.



Pages 66 & 67

The London Dungeon

The prime suspect

- 1 is convinced:
- 2 were carried out;
- 3 were sent;
- 4 was signed;
- 5 was described;
- 6 was suspected:
- 7 had been married:
- 8 was persuaded:
- 9 had been knighted;
- 10 to be kept;
- 11 was called;
- 12 was found:
- 13 have been joined.

When all the dots have been joined correctly, they spell out the word: gull. Sir William Gull was the name of the royal doctor who was a possible suspect in the Ripper murders. It is said that he was covering up for the Queen's son.

Page 68

Westminster and the **Houses of Parliament**

1 about; 2 up; 3 on; 4 at; 5 down; 6 on; 7 on; 8 on; 9 up; 10 at; 11 away; 12 down; 13 after; 14 around; 15 place; 16 up; 17 around; 18 up; 19 place; 20 out.

Page 69

Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot

The correct choices of verb spell out the name Robert Catesby

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London Parks

Tree 1 1 L R Α G Ε S T Ρ Ρ 2 Ε 0 L Ε F G ı Н 3 T w 0 ٧ Ε S L 5 Ν Ε Α Υ 0 Ν 6 S Т Α T U Ε Υ Ε Α R S

8 Τ R Α Ν S Ρ 0 R Tree 2 C Н S 9 Α R L Ε 10 В R 1 Т Α Т Ν **11** P Α R Κ

Page 71

Art in London

1 f, 2 c, 3 a, 4 g, 5 h, 6 b, 7 e, 8 d

Page 72

Pubs and Clubs

1 stood, 2 began, 3 agreed, 4 was, 5 smiled, 6 fell, 7 poured, 8 shook, 9 lost, 10 came.

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Greenwich

Pluto takes 248 years to go round the Sun.

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