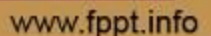




The United Kingdom





Great Britain is a constitutional monarchy. The powers of the British Queen are limited by Parliament. The British Parliament consists of the sovereign, the House of Lords and the House of Commons.





Britain has been many centuries in the making. It waged numerous colonial wars. In the modern world England was the first country where capitalism was established.



The UK consists of four parts. They are:
North
England
Scotland
Wales
and
Northern Ireland



- London is the capital of the UK. , its political, economic, and commercial centre. It is one of the largest cities in the world and the largest city in Europe.





Its population is about

8000000



London is divided into several parts: the City

- The heart of London is the City, its financial district, home to numerous banks, offices, and government buildings.



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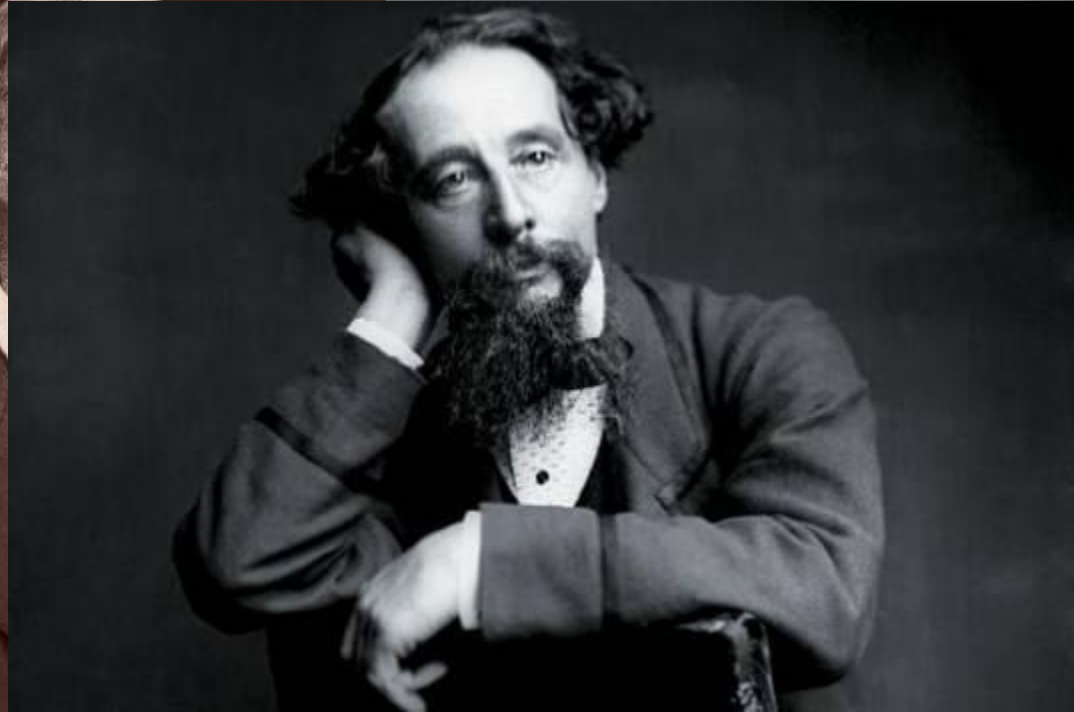
- Westminster is the governmental part of London.



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Westminster

- Across the road from Westminster Abbey



- is Westminster Palace, the seat of the British Parliament.



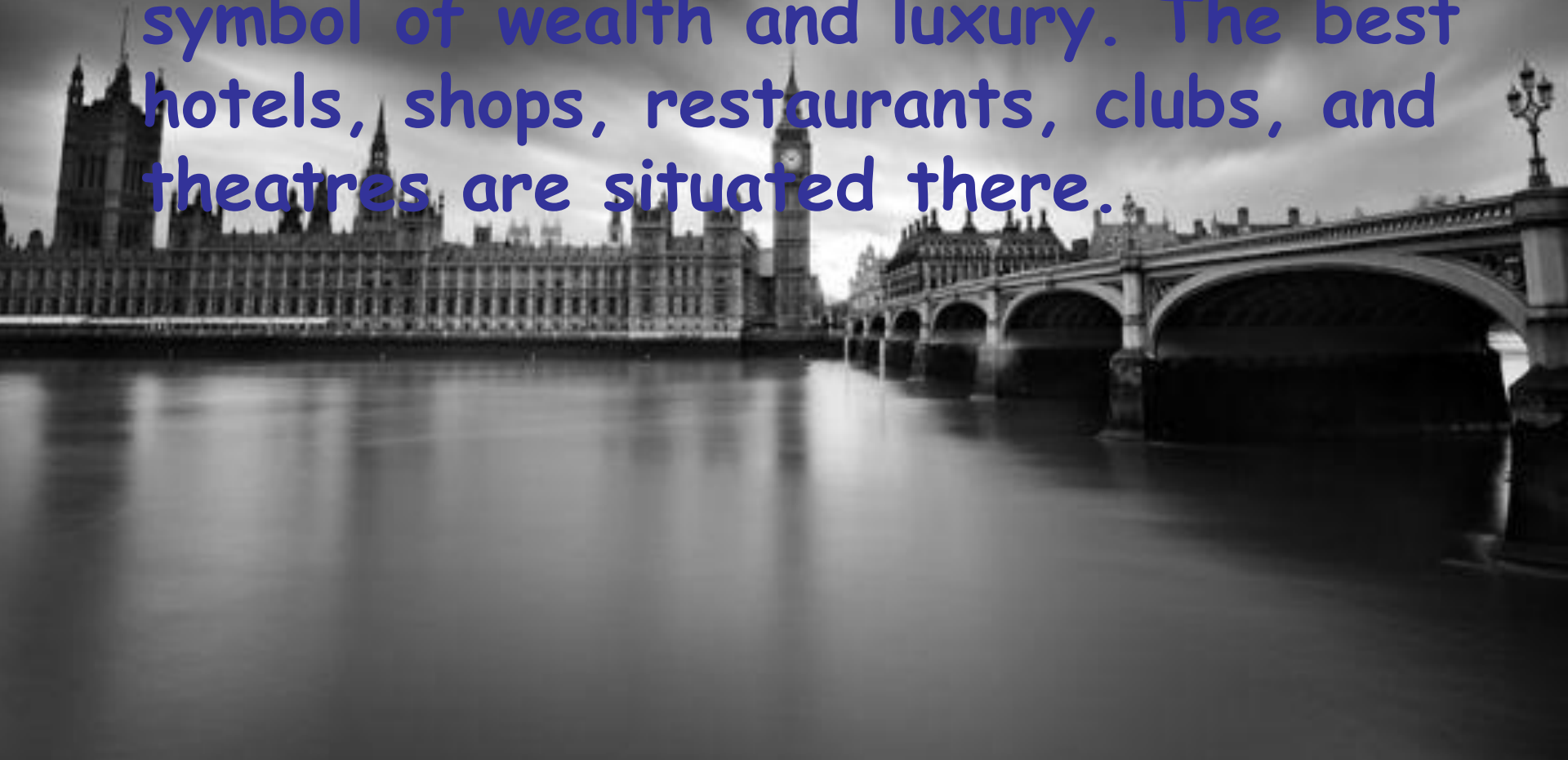
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- Tower of the Houses of Parliament is famous for its big bell, known as "Big Ben".
- Buckingham Palace is the official residence of the Queen.



the West End

- The West End is the richest and most beautiful part of London. It is the symbol of wealth and luxury. The best hotels, shops, restaurants, clubs, and theatres are situated there.



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- It was named in memory of Admiral Nelson's victory in the battle of Trafalgar in 1805

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- On the north side of the Trafalgar Square is the National Portrait Gallery.



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Not far away is the British Museum — the contains a



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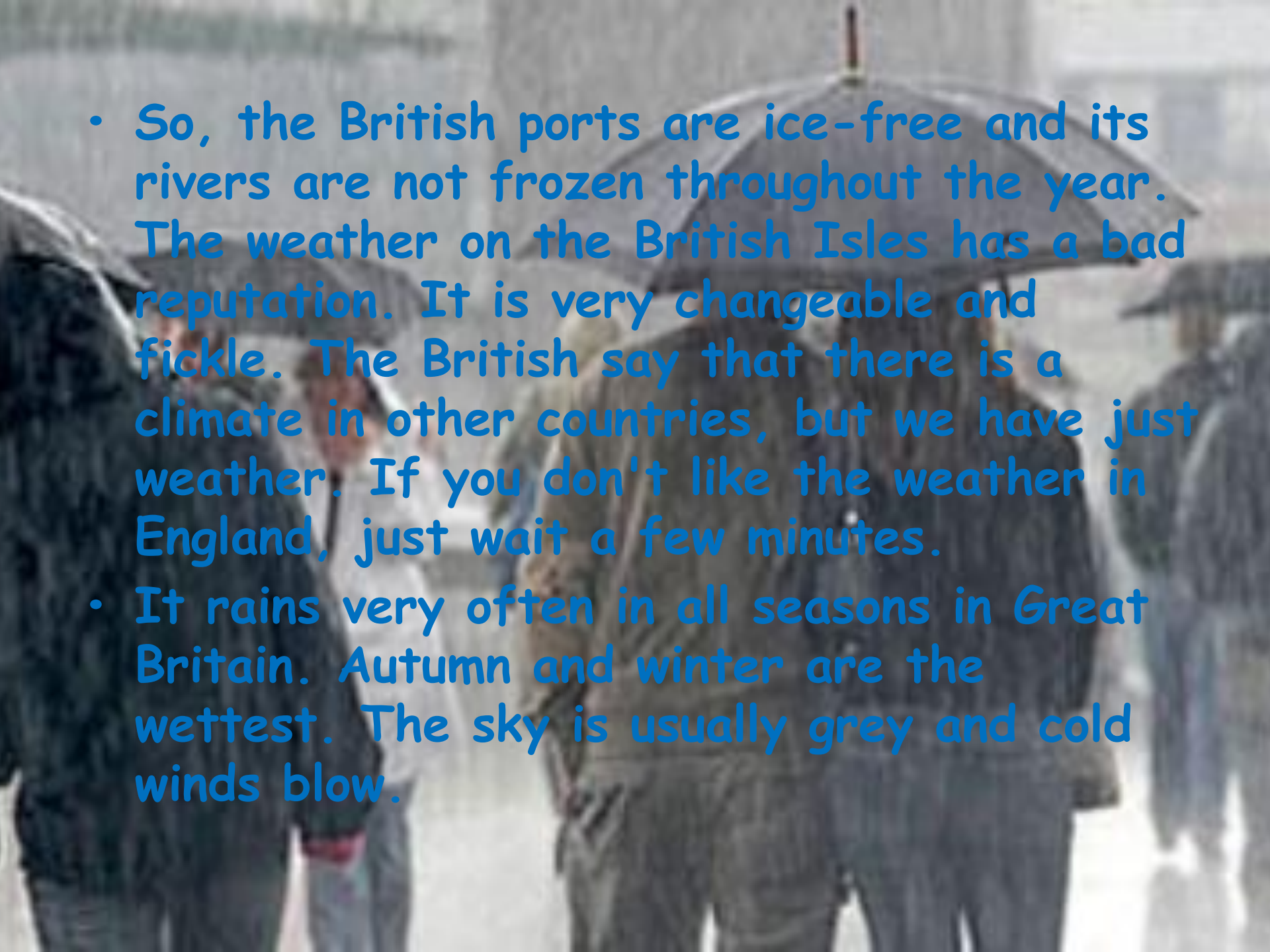


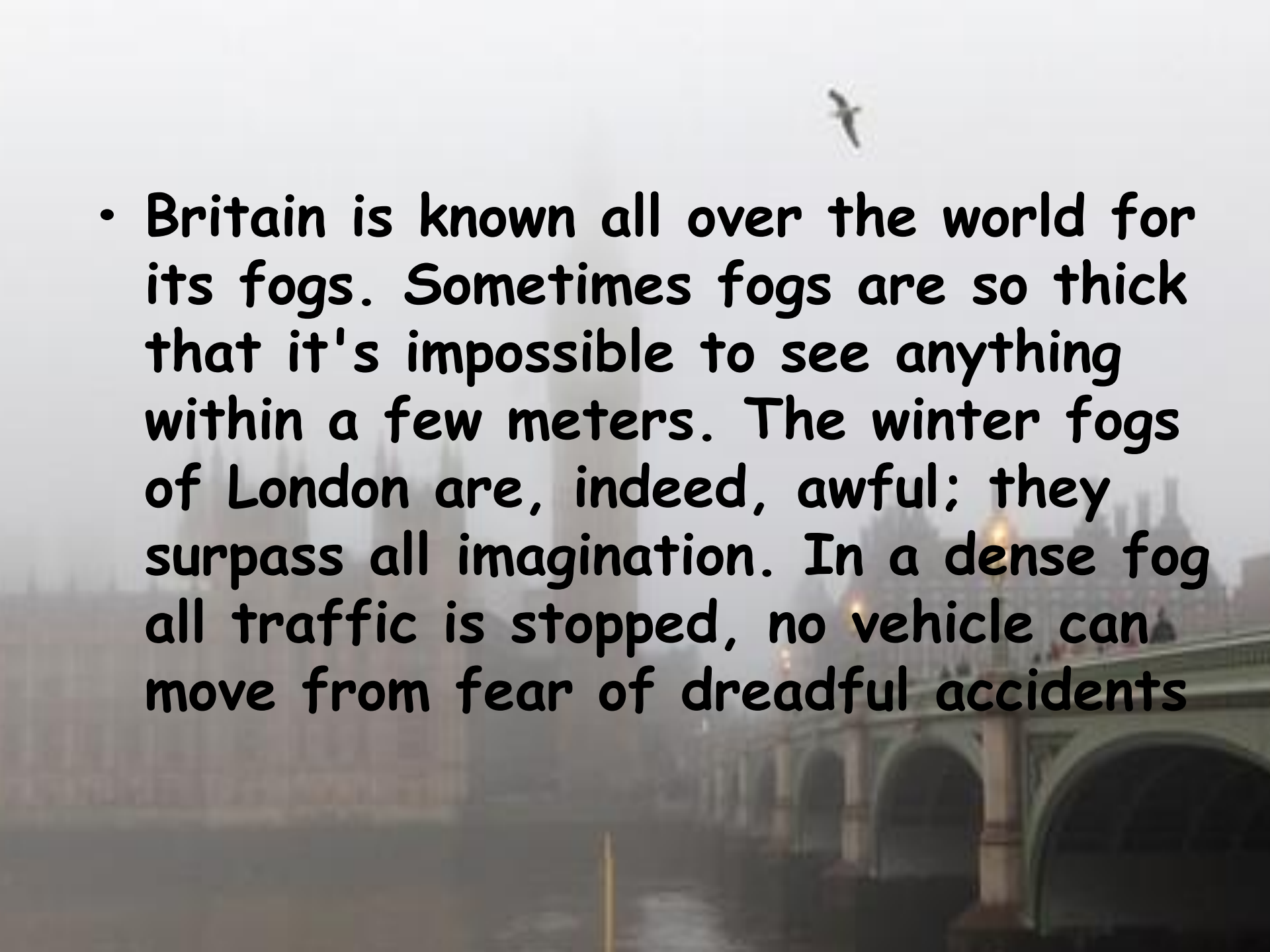
- All these ~~are~~ ^{are} things ~~take~~ ^{take} chiefly ~~ind~~ ^{ind} to determine the climate, without ~~let~~ ^{let} striking differences the position of the islands in the tropics and the fact that they prevail in winds blow from the west and south-west and the warm current — the Gulf Stream that flows from the Gulf of Mexico along the western shores of Eng



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 - It rains very often in all seasons in Great Britain. Autumn and winter are the wettest. The sky is usually grey and cold winds blow.

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- A background image of a foggy London scene. A bridge with arches is visible in the lower half, and a bird is flying in the upper half. The fog is thick and grey, obscuring the background.
- Britain is known all over the world for its fogs. Sometimes fogs are so thick that it's impossible to see anything within a few meters. The winter fogs of London are, indeed, awful; they surpass all imagination. In a dense fog all traffic is stopped, no vehicle can move from fear of dreadful accidents

- So, we may say that the British climate has three main features: it is mild, humid and very changeable.

