

LONDON

Welcome to London



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London is the capital of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

London was founded by the Romans more than 2000 years ago. It is the largest city in Europe and one of the largest cities in the world.

London is situated on the river Thames.





The Thames

The Thames is called “the greatest river in Europe”. It is decorated with many bridges and tunnels.



Buckingham palace



It is the London home of the Queen.

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It was built in 1703 by the Duke of Buckingham. There are nearly six hundred rooms in the palace and 3 miles of red carpet. Buckingham Palace is like a small town with a police station, two post offices, a hospital, a bar, two sport clubs, a disco, a cinema and a swimming pool. About 700 people work for the Palace.

The Houses of Parliament



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On the left bank of the Thames there is Westminster Palace, known as the House of Parliament. It is the seat of British Parliament.

Big Ben

It is one of the most famous clock in the world.





TRAFALGAR SQUARE

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Trafalgar Square is the central square in London. Some people say it is the most beautiful place in London. On the column of the centre there is a statue of Admiral Nelson who defeated the French at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. There are also two beautiful fountains in the square.

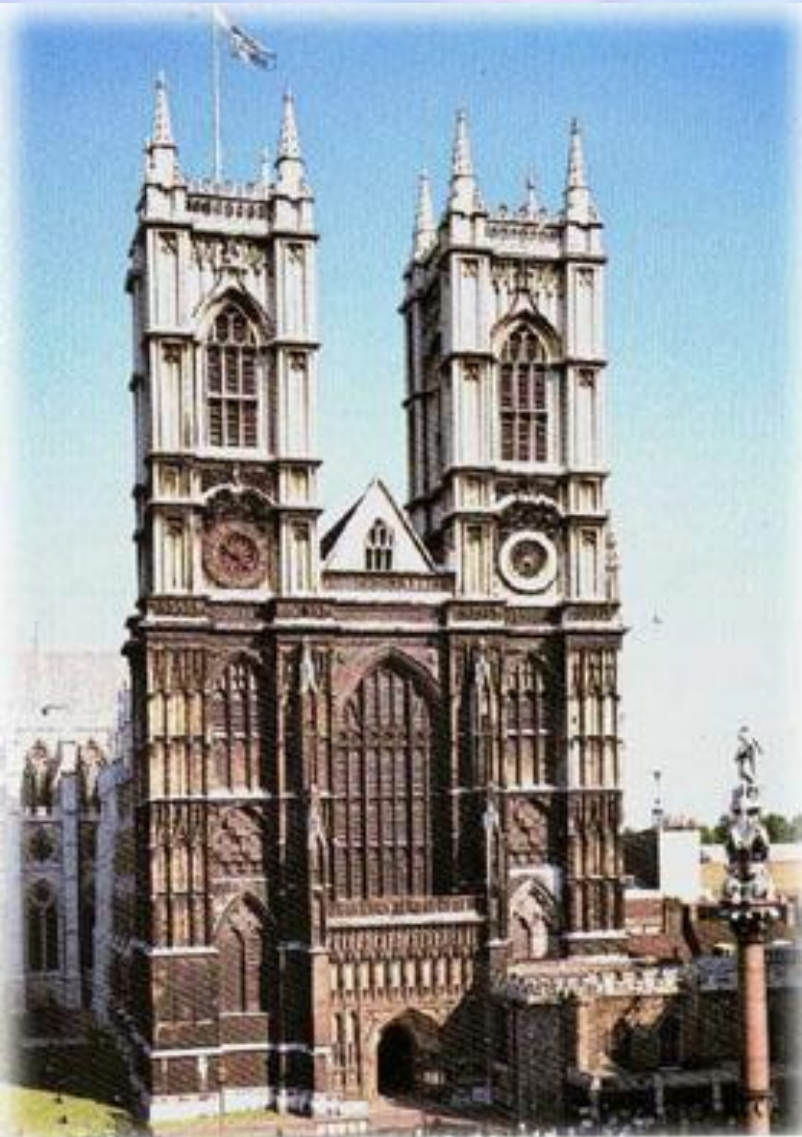


The Tower of London

It was built in the 11th century. It was used as a fortress, a palace and a prison. Now it is a museum.



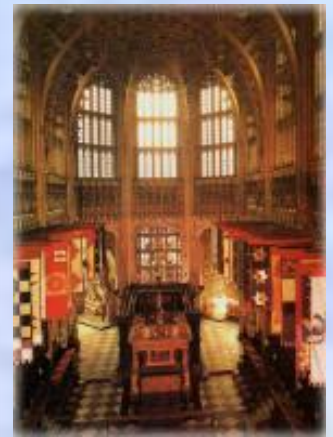
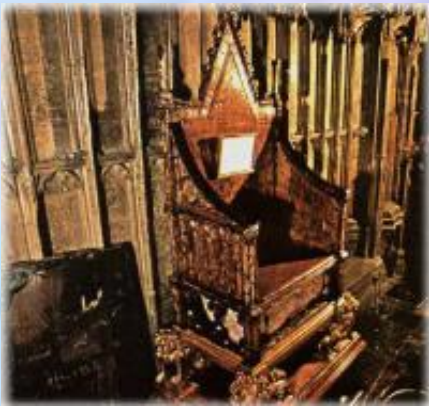
WESTMINSTER ABBEY



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Westminster Abbey is a royal church. It is more than 900 years old.

Westminster Abbey is famous for its architecture and historical associations. It is the church where nearly all the kings and queens have been crowned and where many of them are buried.



LONDON TRAFFIC



In Britain the traffic keeps to the left, not to the right. That's why when English people want to cross the street they must look first to the right and then to the left.

LONDON TRAFFIC



The most popular means of city transport in London is a double-decker, a bus that has two platforms for passengers.



The London Underground is the oldest and busiest in the world.



PARKS



- London is very rich in parks and gardens. The most famous are: Hyde Park, Regent's Park, St. James's Park. London's parks are full of trees, grass, flowers and water. You can walk among old trees, relax and admire flowers and plants or take part in the many activities such as tennis, swimming and horse-riding.

PARKS

- **Hyde Park is famous for its outdoor entertainments and its Speaker's Corner. On Sunday morning anyone can make a speech about something he believes to be very important.**
- **You can also visit Regent's Park where you will find London Zoo, a boating lake and an open-air theatre, where in summer you can enjoy Shakespeare's plays.**
- **St James's Park, the oldest London park, is very beautiful with its trees and flower beds and view of Buckingham Palace.**

QUESTIONS

- What is London?
- What river does London stand on?
What is this river called?
- What is the London home of the Queen?
- What is the seat of British parliament?
- What is Westminster Abbey?
- What do you know about London transport?
- What park is famous for its Speaker's Corner?
- Where is London Zoo situated?

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Buckingham Palace

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Westminster Abbey is a church.

The traffic keeps round the clock.

Hyde Park

Regent's Park