

# London

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## While reading

Pages 1–7

- 1 **Underline the wrong word and put the right one.**
  - a In 1209, Londoners built a new bridge made of wood. ....
  - b The word 'Thames' comes from an old word for water. ....
  - c By 1819 there were seven bridges across the Thames. ....
  - d The Saxons came to Britain from Scandinavia. ....
  - e Edward died weeks after the workers finished the building. ....
  - f William and his uncle started to build new buildings. ....
  - g 'London Bridge is Falling Down' is a famous book. ....
  - h Most of the big theatres are in the East End. ....
  - i In Shakespeare's time boys could not be in plays. ....
- 2 **What's first? Number the sentences, 1–6.**
  - a  Eighty-eight years later, the Romans came to Britain again.
  - b  The Romans got to the River Thames and built a town there. They called it Londinium.
  - c  Boudica's followers started a terrible fire. It destroyed most of the city so the Romans built a new one.
  - d  Julius Caesar arrived in Britain in 55 BC.
  - e  In 60 AD, there was a fight between the Romans and Boudica. She was a queen in the east of Britain.
  - f  Julius Caesar fought the people in the south and then went north.
- 3 **Answer the questions.**
  - a What did the Romans build around Londinium?  
.....
  - b Who came to Britain first after the Romans?  
.....
  - c Where did the Vikings come from?  
.....
  - d Why did King Edward build a palace at Westminster?  
.....

- e Who built fine new buildings in the city after 1066?  
.....
- f Who didn't like the theatre in the 1500s?  
.....
- g What was the name of the biggest theatre in London in 1600?  
.....

- 4 **Write the names to finish the sentences.**  
 Globe Theatre   church   The Lion King  
 Shakespeare in Love   William Shakespeare  
 West End  
 There are a lot of theatres in London, most of them in the **(a)** ..... Londoners and people from all over the world can see excellent plays there. Some of these plays, like **(b)** ....., have music and songs in them. The first theatre was in Southwark, outside the city because people in the **(c)** ..... did not want plays in London. It was called the **(d)** ..... People came to see many plays by the famous English writer **(e)** ..... In Shakespeare's time women could not be in plays and the film **(f)** ..... is about this.

Pages 8–15

- 5 **Find the right words on pages 8–15.**
  - a There are flowers in this place. (p. 8)  
.....
  - b You are this when you have a lot of money. (p. 9) .....
  - c A small home in a large building. (p. 9)  
.....
  - d Buildings have them. They are made of glass. (p. 14) .....
  - e It is white and very cold. (p. 15) .....
  - f It's round and it shows the time. (p. 15)  
.....
- 6 **Write the names to finish the sentences.**  
 Guy Fawkes   Victoria   Oliver Cromwell  
 Christopher Wren   Charles II   Elizabeth I
  - a ..... was an important man. He and his followers fought King Charles I and won. For eleven years, there was no king or queen in England.
  - b ..... was a strong queen. London under her was the biggest and richest city in the world.

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- c ..... built St Paul's Cathedral after the Great Fire destroyed most of the old city in 1666.
- d ..... did not like the king so he tried to destroy the government building at Westminster.
- e ..... was king when Cromwell died. The people in London were happy because there could be music and dancing in the city again.
- f ..... was the queen for forty-five years. At that time, London was rich and strong.

**Pages 16–24**

**7 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.**

- |           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| buy       | short   |
| started   | ugly    |
| opened    | before  |
| beautiful | sell    |
| expensive | stopped |
| after     | cheap   |
| long      | easy    |
| difficult | closed  |

**8 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.**

- a Some shops in Knightsbridge are very pinxeseev .....
- b Liberty moved to a ftiblлууae ..... new building in the 1920's.
- c London has about hyegit ..... markets.
- d Covent Garden was a market for fruit, vegetables and oefsrwl .....
- e The Victoria and Albert Museum has many arsseteru ..... from many areas of the world.
- f There is a Sherlock Holmes eumusm ..... in Baker Street.

**9 Put a name on the left with a sentence on the right.**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| a Samuel Pepys      | 1) This writer lived in a house in Bloomsbury.              |
| b Dr Samuel Johnson | 2) This writer loved to go shopping in Bond Street.         |
| c Charles Dickens   | 3) This writer gives a good picture of London in the 1980s. |

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| d Arthur Conan Doyle  | 4) This writer wrote about the lives of Asians in London.    |
| e George Bernard Shaw | 5) This writer wrote about Victorian London.                 |
| f George Orwell       | 6) His detective lived in London.                            |
| g Martin Amis         | 7) This writer wrote about the English language.             |
| h Zadie Smith         | 8) His work tells us about the Great Fire of London in 1666. |
| i Jane Austen         | 9) This writer wrote about a London of the future.           |
| j J. M. Barrie        | 10) In his book, Peter Pan flies over London.                |

**After reading**

**10 Finish the following chart in your notebook. Try to put three things in each space.**

|               | London | My city/town |
|---------------|--------|--------------|
| History       |        |              |
| Government    |        |              |
| Buildings     |        |              |
| Entertainment |        |              |
| Shops         |        |              |
| Museums       |        |              |
| Transport     |        |              |
| Sports        |        |              |

**11 Choose three words from the book, change the letters around and write them below.**

e.g., museum – suemum. Change your paper with a friend. Who can find the words first?  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....

**12 In your notebook, write about the last time you travelled somewhere.** Say where you went, how you travelled, what you liked and what you didn't like about it. How much did your journey cost? What did you buy? Did you take any photos? Did you like the food?

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1 Put a sentence on the left with a sentence on the right.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| a The Romans came to Britain twice               | 1) when the Vikings from Scandinavia started to destroy the towns near it. |
| b They had to build the city again               | 2) and built a city on the river Thames. They called it Londinium.         |
| c Roman Londinium was a big and busy city        | 3) it had fine new buildings in its centre, Westminster.                   |
| d The Saxons moved into the city walls           | 4) after Queen Boudica and her people destroyed it with a fire.            |
| e When the Vikings took London, the English king | 5) but the good times ended when the Romans left.                          |
| f When London was 1,000 years old,               | 6) asked King Olaf of Norway for help.                                     |

2 Answer the questions.

- a Why did the English king pull London Bridge down in 1013?  
.....
- b What can you visit on Tower Bridge?  
.....
- c Where did the Londoners see plays?  
.....
- d How was the theatre different in Shakespeare's time?  
.....
- e What happened to the first Globe Theatre?  
.....
- f Who built the Globe Theatre again in the 1970's?  
.....
- g Who started a great fire and destroyed most of Londinium?  
.....
- h Where was William I from?  
.....
- i Who said the famous words, 'I came, I saw, I won.'  
.....
- j What was the name of William I's son?  
.....

## Pages 8–15

3 Circle the right words.

- a Buckingham Palace is open to visitors for *two months / one month / three months* of the year.
- b World War II destroyed many houses in the *West / North / East End*.
- c After an illness in 1665, the King *died / was ill / left the city*.
- d In 1666, a fire started in a *hotel / shop / theatre*.
- e Canada Tower has a *red / blue / white* light at the top.
- f There is a *restaurant / shop / cinema* at the top of the OXO Tower.
- g The *King / Queen / government* asked Christopher Wren to build a new church.
- h Big Ben is in *Knightsbridge / Kensington / Westminster*.
- i In 1949 the bell sounded late because there *was a lot of water / was a lot of snow / were a lot of birds* on the clock.
- j The clock stopped in *2006 / 2007 / 2005*.

## Pages 16–24

4 Finish the sentences with the right words.

- The Victoria and Albert Museum    Wimbledon  
The London Underground    Hyde  
Charing Cross Road    Chelsea    Oxford  
Covent Garden    Bond Street
- a ..... is not really a market now. It has a lot of different shops and restaurants.
  - b ..... is the oldest in the world. People first used it in 1863. Now there are 300 stations.
  - c ..... is famous for its bookshops.
  - d The biggest park in the centre of London is ..... Park.
  - e In ..... you can see hundreds of dresses from 1600 to today.
  - f Jane Austin loved to go shopping in .....
  - g Boats from Cambridge and ..... universities try to be the fastest on the River Thames.
  - h Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham, Arsenal and ..... play football in London.
  - i The world's top tennis players meet every June to play at .....