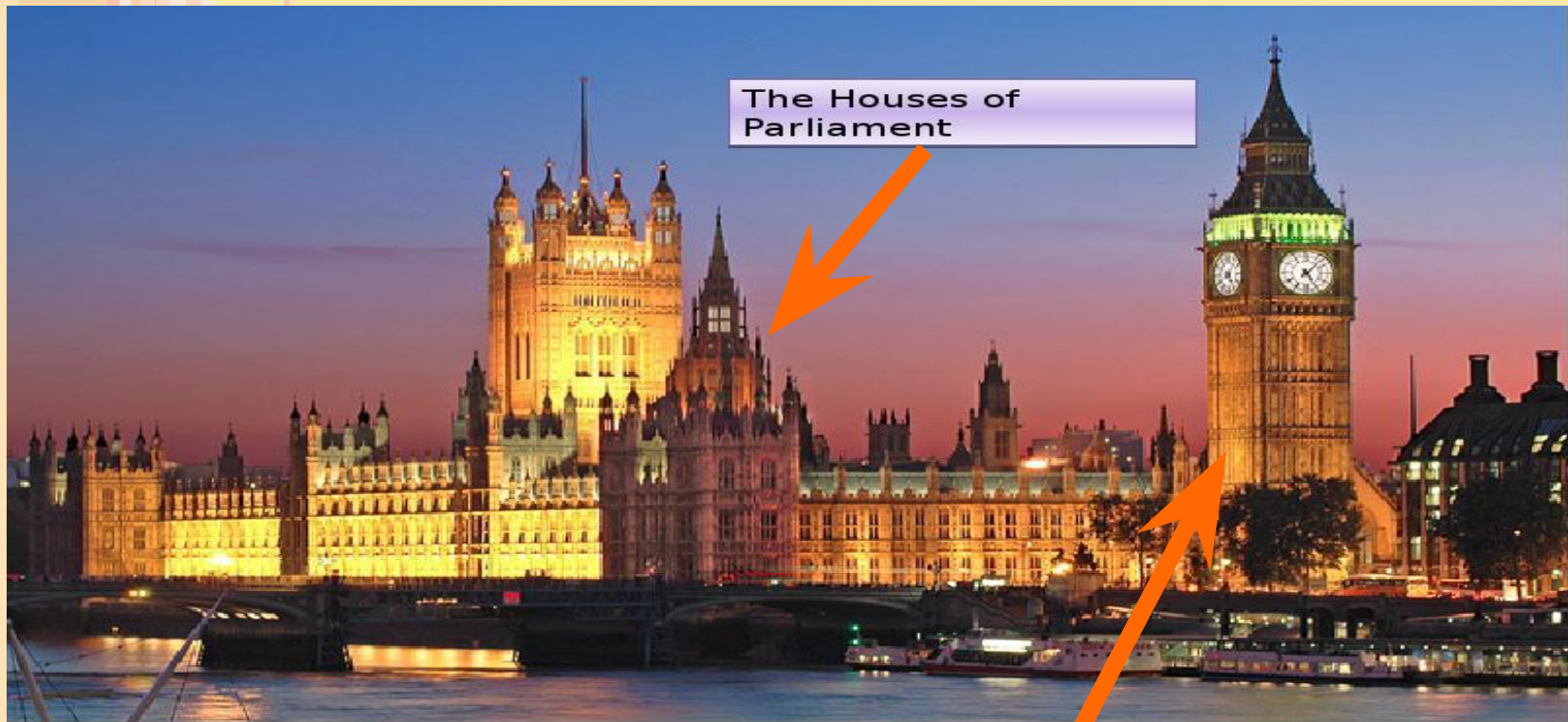


# LANDMARKS

## Top Tourist Attractions



Every year, millions of tourists come to London to see and listen to Big Ben. But what exactly is Big Ben?



The Houses of  
Parliament

Most people think that Big Ben is the tall clock tower that stands above the Houses of Parliament.

**BIG BEN**  
**THE LARGEST BELL EVER CAST IN ENGLAND**  
**AND THE FOUR QUARTER BELLS**  
**FOR THE CLOCK TOWER OF THE NEW HOUSES**

1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER  
 20. 8 1/2 DIAMETER. NOTE, A, Natural.  
 Weight, 13 1/2 Cwt.

2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER  
 18. DIAMETER. NOTE, G, Natural.  
 Weight, 1 Ton 4 Cwt.

3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER  
 15. DIAMETER. NOTE, F, Natural.  
 Weight, 1 Ton 2 Cwt. 10 Lbs.

4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER  
 12. DIAMETER. NOTE, E, Natural.  
 Weight, 2 Tons 3 Cwt. 24 Lbs.

**NOTE E NATURAL. AS**  
**CAST BY JOHN WARNER & SONS,**  
**BELL & BRASS FOUNDERS TO HER MAJESTY, CRESCENT FOUNDRY, LONDON.**

DIAMETER AT MOUTH, 50 1/2 IN. HEIGHT, 30 IN. THICKNESS OF SOUNDING EDGE, 4 IN. WEIGHT, 23 TONS 3 CWT. WITH CLAPPER, 16 TONS 10 CWT. 20 LBS.

"THE BIRTH OF THE GREAT BELL IN THE CRESCENT FOUNDRY, LONDON, IN THE YEAR 1858, WAS A MOST INTERESTING AND SUCCESSFUL ONE. THE BELL WAS CAST IN THE MOUTH OF THE GREAT CRUCIBLE, AND WAS RANGING FOR SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE IT WAS FINISHED. THE BELL WAS CAST IN THE MOUTH OF THE GREAT CRUCIBLE, AND WAS RANGING FOR SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE IT WAS FINISHED. THE BELL WAS CAST IN THE MOUTH OF THE GREAT CRUCIBLE, AND WAS RANGING FOR SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE IT WAS FINISHED."

Well no! Big Ben is not the clock tower. It is one of the huge bells inside the tower.

# Big Ben

- The man in charge of the building was Sir Benjamin Hall. This man was very tall, and the workers and friends called him Big Ben. So they called the bell Big Ben too.



Its name comes from the bell's commissioner of works, Sir Benjamin Hall, or Ben.



**The tower is  
98 meters  
high.**

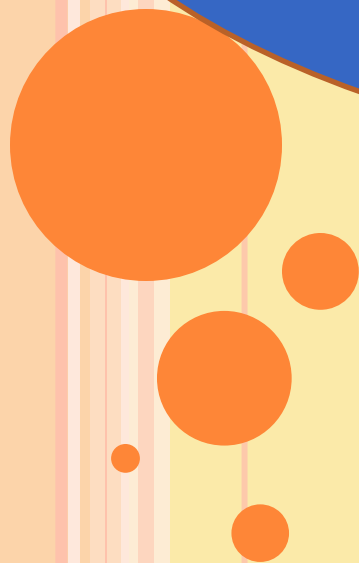


**The bell  
inside the  
tower is  
13,7 tons**



The clock on the tower is also huge. Each of the four clock faces is 7 meters wide. The hour hands are about 3 meters long and the minute hands are about 4 meters long.

- 1. Big Ben is in London.**
- 2. Big Ben is the name of a bell.**
- 3. The tower is 98 meters.**
- 4. Each hour hand is about 3 meters long.**





**Tick-tock,  
Tick-tock,  
This is Big Ben.  
Big Ben is a clock.  
Day and night  
With all its might  
Big Ben, the clock,  
Says: Tick-tock.**

