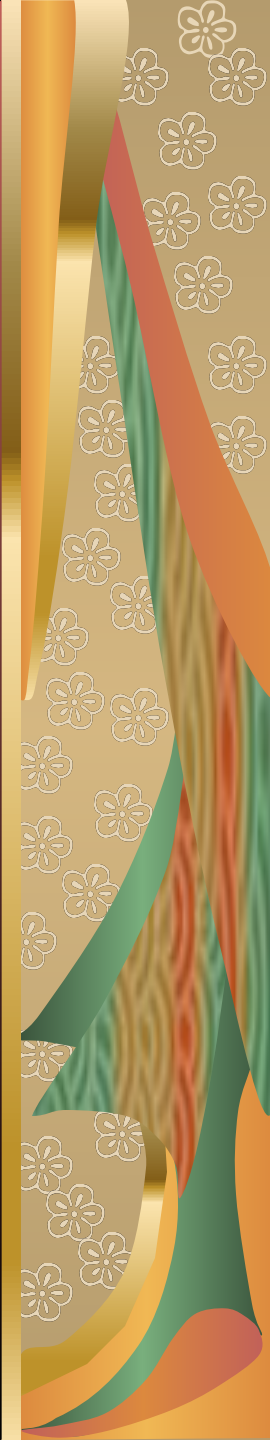
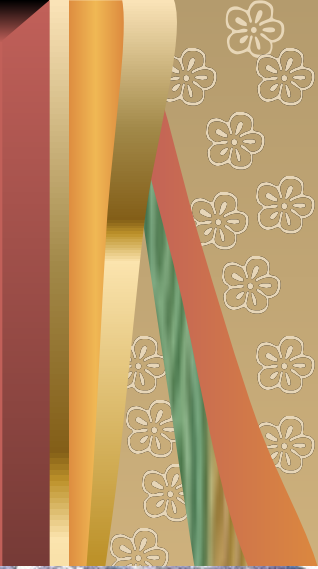


London



London is the capital and the largest city in Great Britain. More than 7 million people live and work there. London is the political, business and cultural centre of the UK.





London stands on the river Thames. The Thames is a part of London's history. Now there are about 30 town bridges over the river.

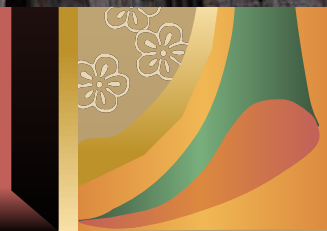




There are many beautiful churches in London. St. Paul's Cathedral is decorated with towers and columns. Architect, Sir Christopher Wren, built it in the 17th century after the Great Fire of 1666. I am sure, Westminster Abbey is popular because a lot of kings and queens were crowned and buried here.



St. Paul's Cathedral



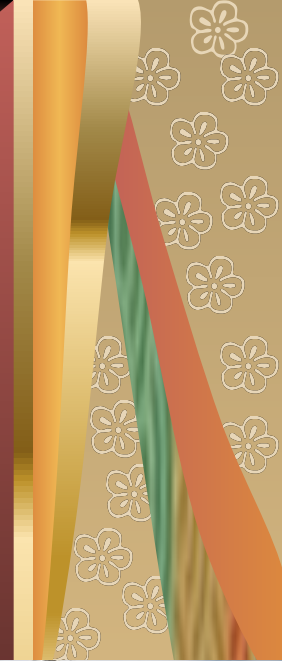
The Queen of England lives in Buckingham Palace, tourists like to take pictures of guards in red uniforms and their parade near the Palace.



The heart of London is the City, the oldest part of the capital. There are many banks and offices in it. Lots of people work in the City, but very few live there.



The world famous Tower of London was a fortress, a palace, a prison and a royal zoo. Now it is a beautiful museum. Black ravens always live in the yard near the Tower. People keep them and look after them very well for London to become richer and richer.



You can find best theatres, cinemas and museums in London, for example, the Covent Garden Theatre and the British museum with the largest Reading Hall. Every day hundreds of tourists visit the National Gallery – a very popular picture gallery in Trafalgar Square.



Trafalgar Square is the centre of London. There is a tall column in the middle of the square. It is a monument to Admiral Nelson with 4 bronze lions at it and 2 beautiful fountains nearby.



If you come to Westminster, you can see where the Prime Minister lives and works at 10, Downing Street. Not far from here one can find the Houses of Parliament with famous Big Ben in the Clock Tower.



Oxford Street is the main shopping centre of London.



Londoners like to spend their time in green parks of the city, the largest and the most popular one is Hyde Park.

There are so many other places to visit in London, I hope to see all of them some day.



QUESTIONS

- What kind of city is London?
- Whose capital is it?
- How many people live in London nowadays?
- What are there in London?
- Would you like to visit London?
- What would you like to see there?
- What do you know about famous sights of London?(4-5 sentences)

