

London



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*Hello, ladies and gentlemen.
We welcome you to London.
London is one of the largest
cities in the world. About
seven million people live
here. London is more than
two thousand years old.
London's most famous sights
are Tower Bridge, Big Ben
and the Houses of
Parliament, Trafalgar Square
and St. Paul's Cathedral.*



Trafalgar Square



Trafalgar Square is a geographical center of London. It's the largest among London's squares. On the column in the centre there is a statue of Admiral Nelson who defeated the French at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

National Gallery



- *The main building of Trafalgar Square is the National Gallery with its façade in neo-classical style. It has a fine collection of European paintings.*

London Parks



Hyde park



Battersea Park



Bishop's Park

Now we pass famous London parks. Entrance to the parks is free and you may walk on the grass, lie down to rest on it, if the weather is fine you may even ride horses. London parks have cafes and art galleries.

Hyde Park



Hyde Park became the first public garden. It is known for its Speaker's Corner, where everyone can stand up and say what he wants.



Buckingham Palace



At last we are at Buckingham Palace. It is the London home of the Queen. When the flag is flying on the top she is at home.

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There is a wonderful daily ceremony, which takes place at 11.30. Usually Londoners and a great number of foreign tourists watch Changing the Guards in front of the Palace. It's a very beautiful parade.

Houses of Parliament



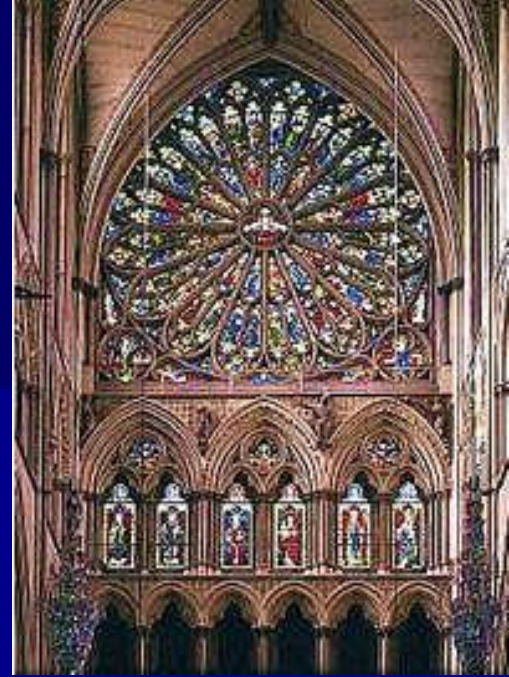
In front of you there are the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. The Houses of Parliament is the seat of the British government. There are two chambers in British Parliament: the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

Big Ben



St. Stephan's Tower of the Houses of Parliament contains the famous Big Ben. It is one of the most famous clocks in the world.

Westminster Abbey



In a moment you will see Westminster Abbey. It is a royal church. The last monarch coronated in the Abbey was present Queen Elisabeth II.

Westminster Abbey



Here you can see the tombs of the many British kings and queens and other famous people and the beautiful Henry VII Chapel.

The Tower of London



Now we are crossing Tower Bridge over the river Thames. From here you can see the Tower of London. English kings lived there many years ago. It was a fortress, a Royal palace and a prison, but now it's a museum.

The ravens are another famous sight. The legend says that without them the Tower will fall.



St. Paul's Cathedral



We are now making our way to the second famous church, St. Paul's Cathedral. It is the greatest work of the architect Sir Christopher Wren. Many important public figures are buried here.

Covent Garden



The last point of our excursion is Covent Garden. It's the biggest cultural and shopping center in Britain. It was a big fruit and vegetable market. It is now a tourist shopping centre with cafes and restaurants.



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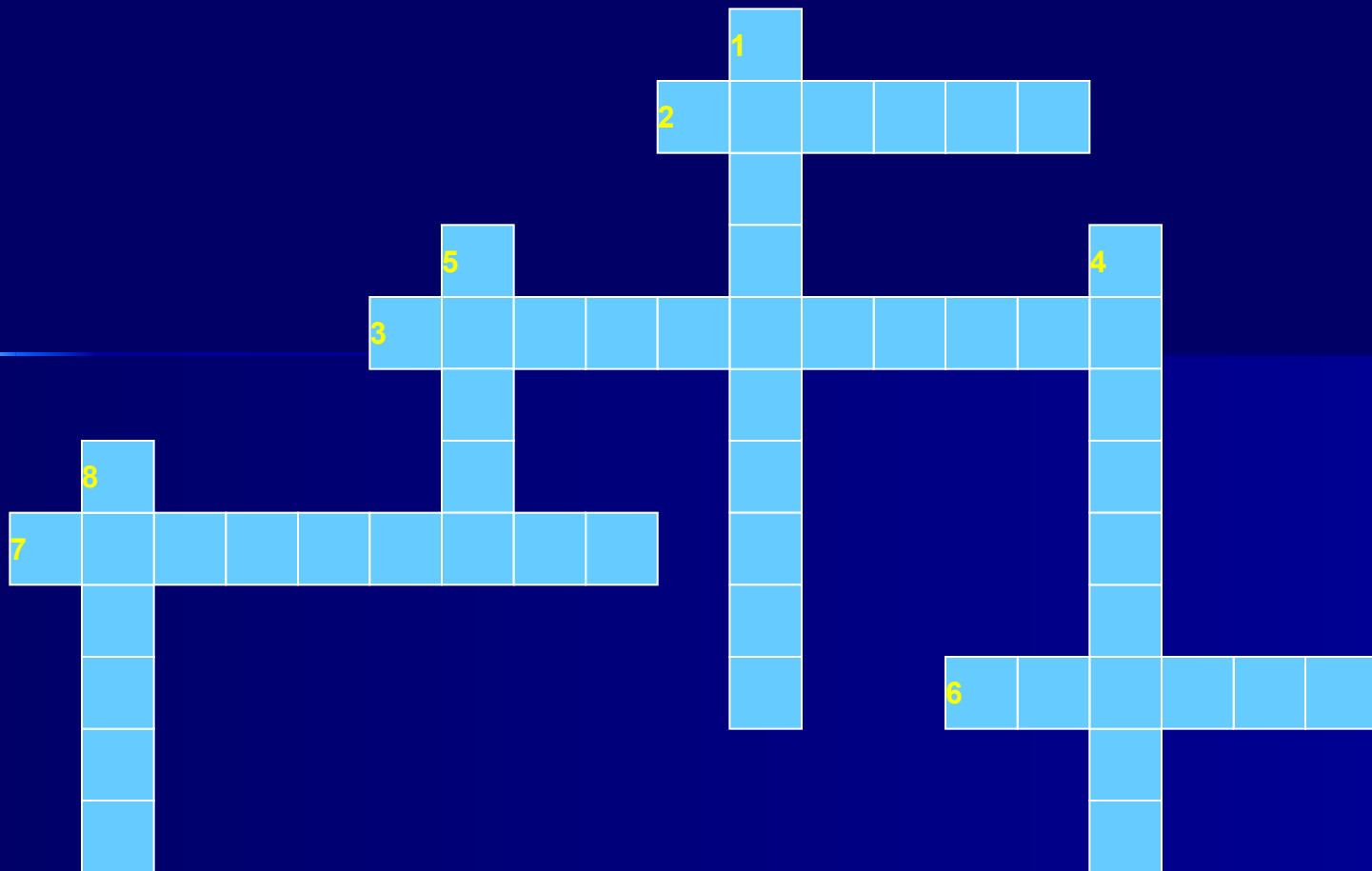


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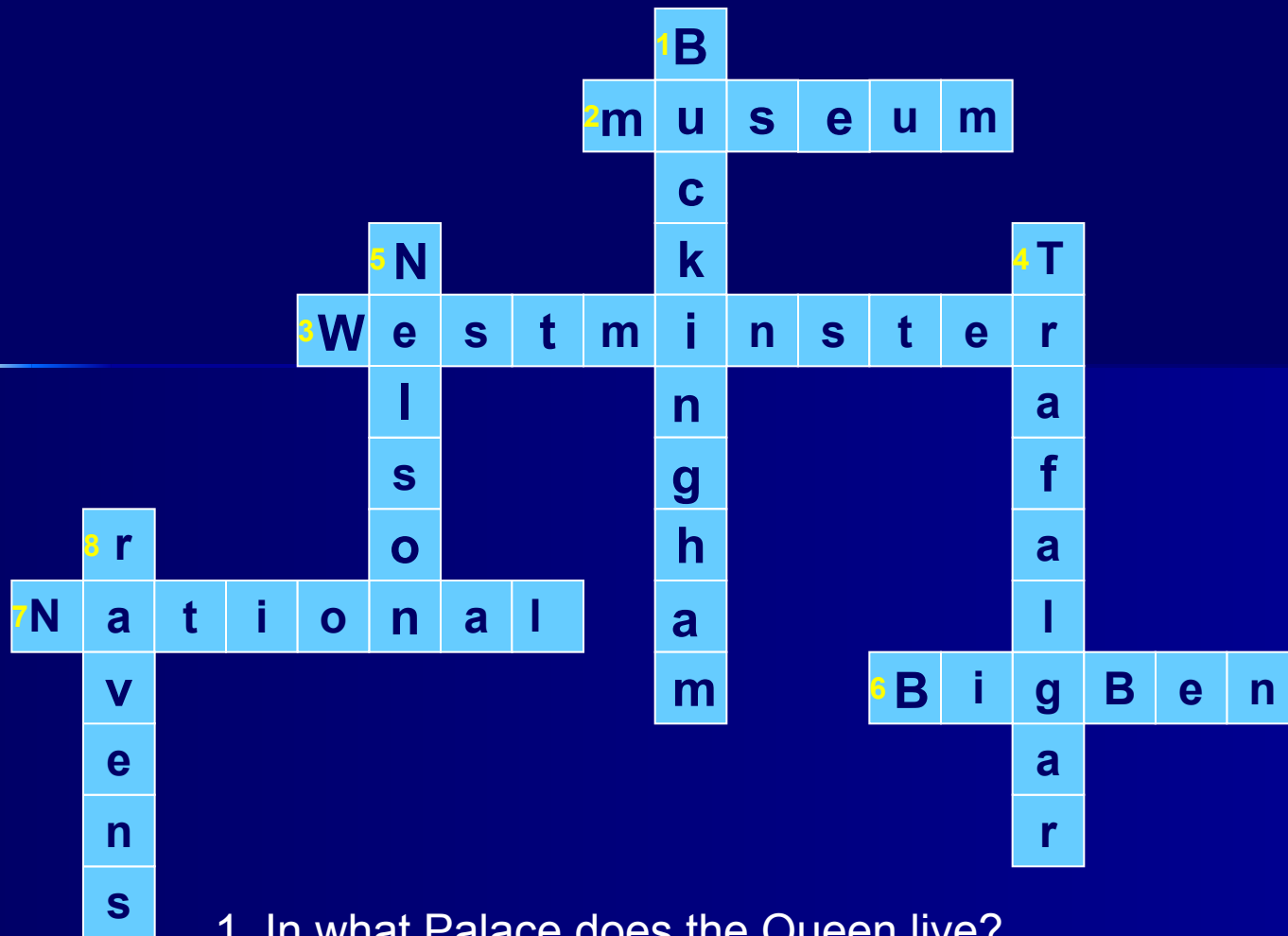
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