



LONDON



WELCOME TO LONDON!

Trafalgar Square



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- There are always a lot of people on the square.
- Every winter there is a big Christmas tree which is a gift from Norway in the middle of the square.
- On New Year's Eve people gather around the tree.
- In the middle of the square there is Admiral Nelson's Column.



Buckingham Palace



- This is the Queen's home.
- It was built in 1703.
- There is a great collection of paintings.

The Queen of Great Britain

- The Queen of Great Britain is Elizabeth II. Her husband is Duke of Edinburgh.
- They have got 4 grown-up children: Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward.



Westminster Abbey

- This is a holy place.
- All English kings have been crowned in the church since 1308.



Westminster Cathedral



- It was built between 1895 and 1903.
- This is the seat of the Cardinal Archbishop and the leading Roman Catholic Church in England.
- Its bell tower is 84 metres high.

The Houses of Parliament

- This big palace is the most famous building in the world – the British Parliament.
- The building is 280 metres long.
- There are more than 1000 rooms.



Big Ben



- Big Ben, the big clock tower, is the symbol of London. It strikes hours.

Tower

- The Tower of London has been a fortress, a palace, an arsenal, a mint, a prison, an observatory, a zoo, the home of the Crown Jewels and a tourist attraction.



Imperial State Crown

- The Tower's greatest treasure is the Imperial State Crown.
- There are 2 800 diamonds on it.



Beefeaters



- The guards of the Tower are called Beefeaters.
- The legend says that if the ravens leave, the Tower and the country will fall.



Tower Bridge

- The most famous bridge in London is a Tower bridge.



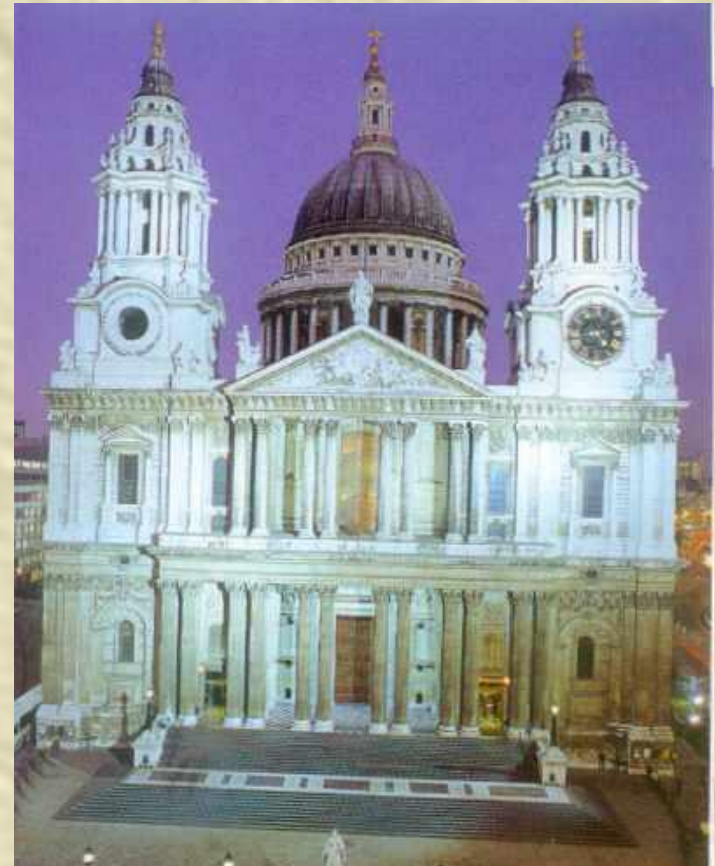
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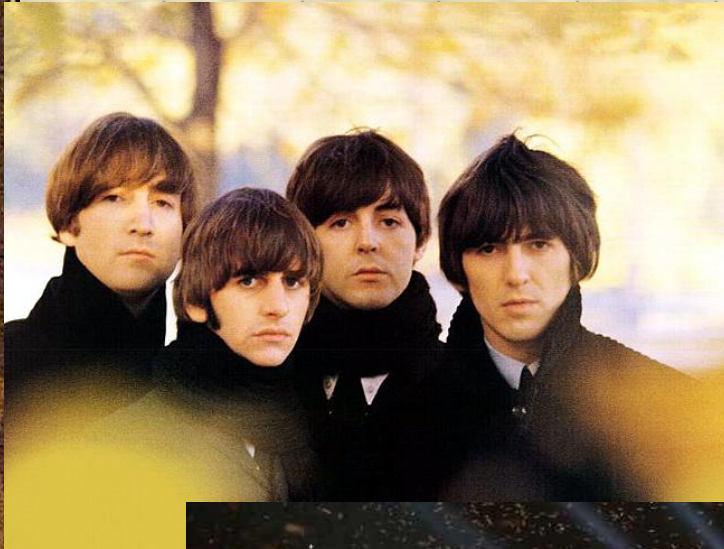
- Tower Bridge is a bascule-bridge.
- The bascules will open to let ships pass through.

St. Paul's Cathedral

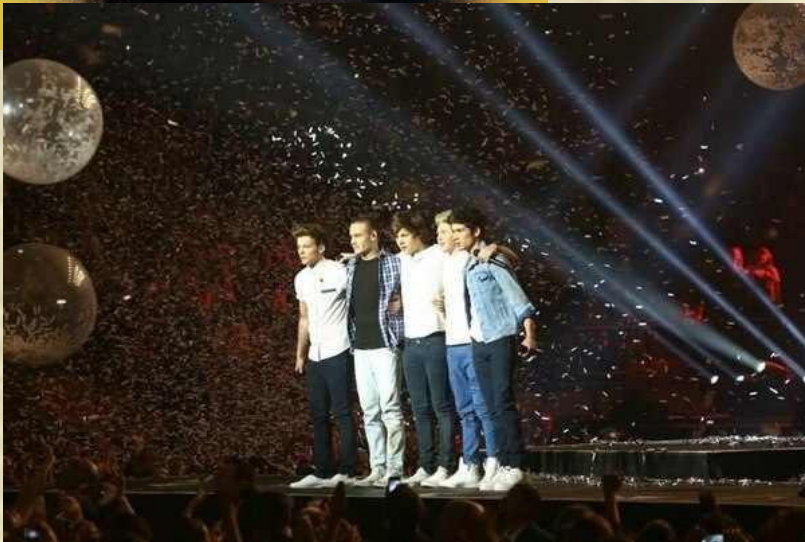
- St. Paul's Cathedral is a famous building too.
- Prince Charles and Princess Diana married here in 1981.



Famous people



There are many famous people in London. For example: The Beatles and One Direction.



Double-deckers



- There are big red buses called double-deckers in London.
- People sit upstairs and downstairs on these buses.
- Tourists like them very much.

Taxis

- Taxis in London are old-fashioned black cars.



Telephone booths

From here you can call your friends.



River Thames



- Thames flows through London.
- The River Thames is 338 km long.
- It is 245 m wide here.
- Even big seaships can visit London.