

LONDON

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Phonetic drill

- **Westminster Abbey**
- **the Houses of Parliament**
- **Buckingham Palace**
- **St Paul's Cathedral**
- **London Bridge**
- **the Tower of London**
- **The National Gallery**
- **Big Ben**





**London – the capital of the
United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland.**

The United Kingdom



The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is situated on the British Isles. It consists of four parts: **England**, **Wales**, **Scotland** and **Northern Ireland**.

The **red rose** is the national emblem of **England**.



The **thistle** is the national emblem of **Scotland**.



The **leek** is the emblem of **Wales**.



The **shamrock** is the emblem of **Northern Ireland**.



London is situated upon both banks of the River Thames, it is the largest city in Britain and one of the largest in the world.

Its population is about 7 million people.



Лондон расположен на оба банка Реки Темза, это - наибольший город в Великобритании и один из наибольших в мире. Его население - приблизительно 7 миллионов человек.

There are a lot of places of interest in London. Among them there are: **Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, St Paul's Cathedral, London Bridge, the Tower of London, The National Gallery, Big Ben.**



London stands on the river Thames. Crossing the river by the Tower Bridge you can see **the Tower of London**. It is one of the oldest buildings of the city. Many centuries ago it was a fortress, a royal palace and then a prison. Now it is a museum of arms.



The Tower is guarded by 'Beefeaters', the Yeomen guards.

- In principle they are responsible for looking after any prisoners at the Tower and safeguarding the British crown jewels, but in practice they work as guides and tell this story to the visitors.



There are always at least **6 ravens** at **the Tower.**



There is a story that they bring good luck to Britain, if they stay at the Tower. That's why they get "paid" meat and biscuits every day. But their wings are cut so that they can't fly away. They are not very friendly.

On the bank of the Thames, not far from the Tower of London, you can see **Westminster Palace, or the Houses of Parliament.**



**It is the seat of the British government
and it is one of the most beautiful
buildings in London.**



In one of its towers there is **famous Big Ben**, the largest clock of England. It strikes every quarter of an hour.



Buckingham Palace is the Queen's official London residence. Tourists always go to see the ceremony of changing the Guard there, lasting about 30 minutes



Trafalgar Square

- **Trafalgar Square** is the central square of the city. At its centre is Nelson's Column, which is guarded by four lion statues at its base. There are a number of statues and sculptures in the square.



To the right of the square there is **the National Gallery** which has a fine collection of European paintings.



St Paul's Cathedral is the biggest English church.



Another famous church is **Westminster Abbey** where kings, queens, and many famous people are buried.



Test.

- 1. **Big Ben** is ...
- a) a radio tone;
- b) a famous clock;
- c) a famous church.
- 2. **Backingham Palace** is...
- a) a home of Royal Family;
- b) a place of interest;
- c) a fine cathedral.
- 3. **Westminster Abbey** is a large...
- a) cathedral;
- b) palace;
- c) church.
- 4. **The Tower of London** was...
- a) a prison, a church and a cathedral;
- b) a fortress , a prison, a palace;
- c) a tower, a prison and a palace.
- 5. **Ravens** must live in...
- a) Westminster Abbey;
- b) The Tower of London;
- c) Tower Bridge.