

Buckingham Palace



- Buckingham Palace is the Queen's London residence, when the flag is flying on the top the Queen is in.

The Houses of Parliament



- Westminster Palace was built by Edward the Confessor in about 1050 and was used as a royal residence, then as the seat of Government and finally, after 1547, as the meeting place for Parliament.
- The Houses of Parliament stand beside the river Thames. The country's leaders speak in the Houses of Parliament. The men and women there are the voice of the British people.

Westminster Abbey



Westminster Abbey is a symbol of England. The legend says that Westminster abbey was founded by St Peter himself. Westminster Abbey was built by King Edward in 1065. The coronation of all British Kings and Queens takes place in Westminster Abbey. Some famous English people are also buried here. The funeral service for Diana, Princess of Wales took place in Westminster Abbey in September 1997.

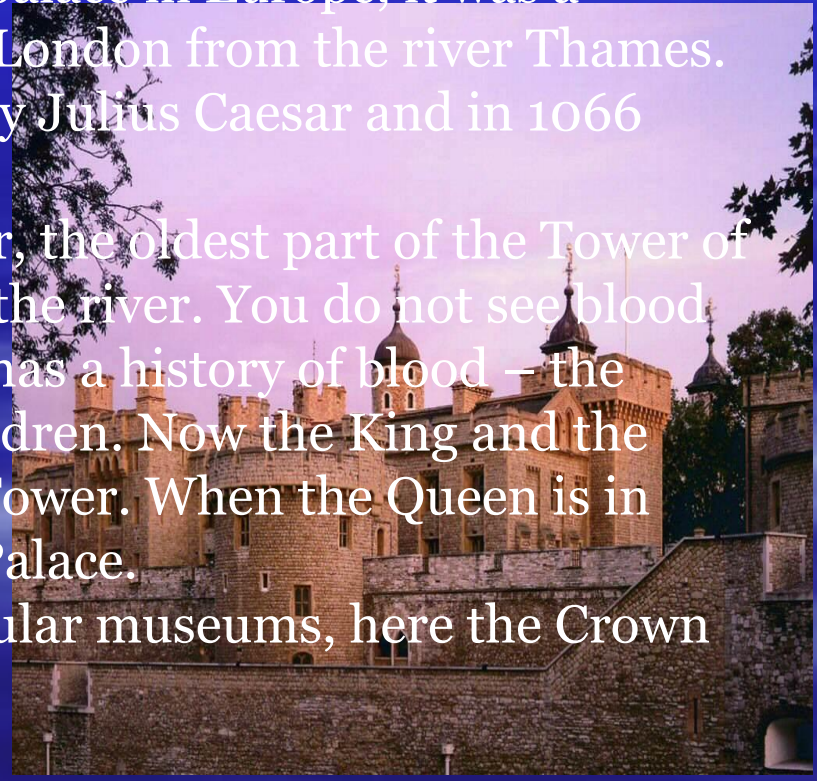
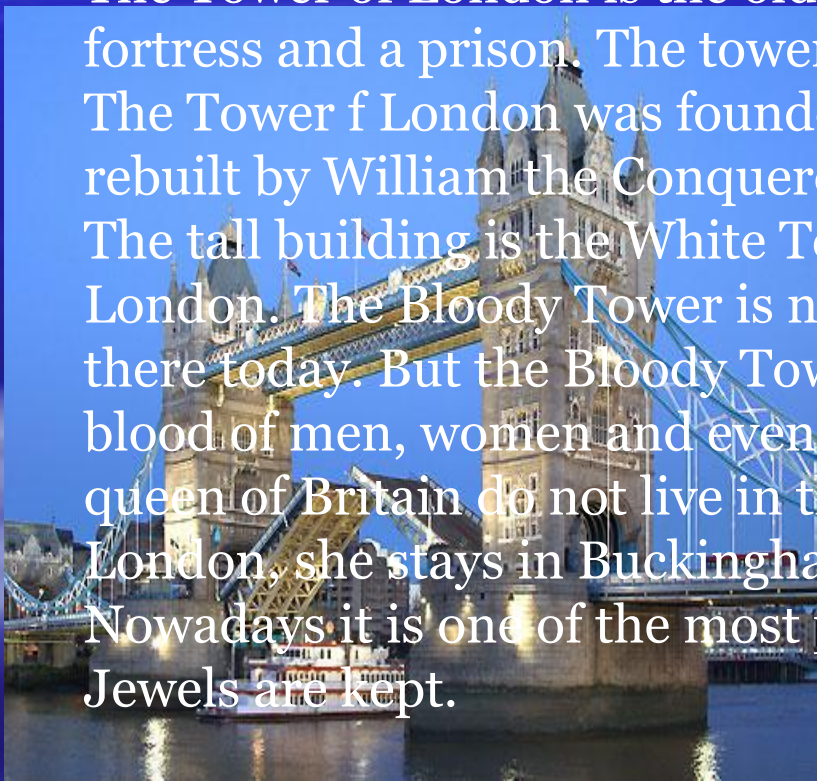
The Tower of London



The Tower of London is the oldest palace in Europe, it was a fortress and a prison. The tower of London from the river Thames. The Tower of London was founded by Julius Caesar and in 1066 rebuilt by William the Conqueror.

The tall building is the White Tower, the oldest part of the Tower of London. The Bloody Tower is near the river. You do not see blood there today. But the Bloody Tower has a history of blood – the blood of men, women and even children. Now the King and the queen of Britain do not live in the Tower. When the Queen is in London, she stays in Buckingham Palace.

Nowadays it is one of the most popular museums, here the Crown Jewels are kept.





London parks

- These parks are still called “Royal Parks”, they are now open to the public and everywhere there are seats, deckchairs to sit on. People walk, go horse – riding, boating, swimming. St. James’s Park, Green Park, Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens are linked together. Entrance to the parks is free and you may walk on the grass, lie down to rest on it, the weather permits.
- The London Zoo is located in St. James’s Park. And Hyde Park is famous for Speakers’ Corner, where anyone can stand up and say what they want.

Some famous London squares:

- Trafalgar Square
- Belgrave Square
- St. James' Square
- Gordon Square



Trafalgar Square

- Trafalgar Square is the central landmark of London. It is named in memory of Admiral Nelson's victory in the battle of Trafalgar in 1805.
- A statue of Lord Nelson, hero of the Napoleonic Wars, stands on a high column in the middle of the Square. The column is guarded by four bronze lions.

