

**When somebody says  
“London” what do you  
think of?**



# *Some facts about London*



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facts about London!**





**London** is the capital city of **England** and **the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**. London is the largest city in the United Kingdom and Europe.






The **London Underground** is the oldest underground railway network in the world. The London Underground, was built in 1863, and was the first metro of the world. The London Underground is known as 'the **Tube**'. 55% of the London Underground, is not underground.

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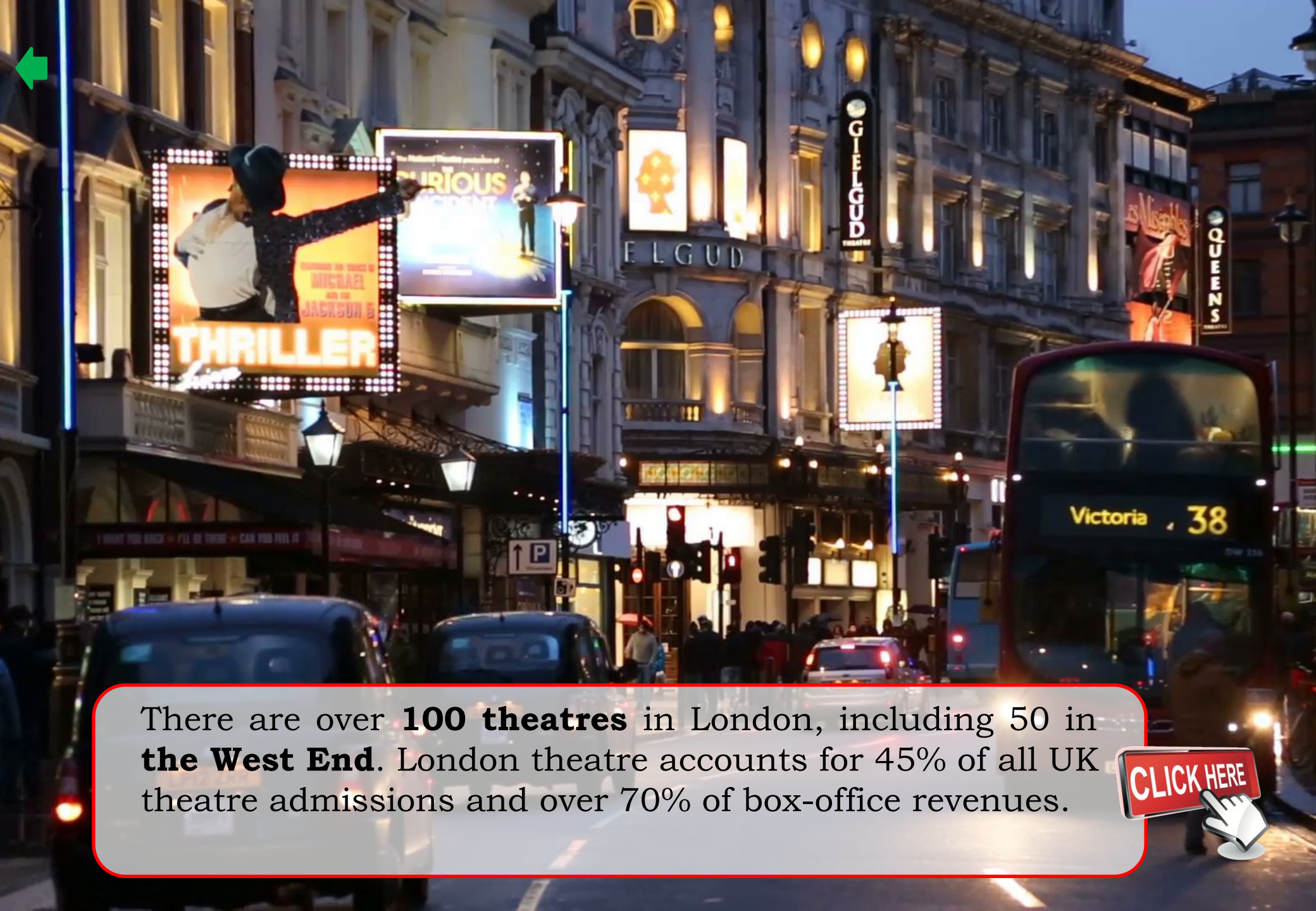




The greater **London** area contains about **12 million people**, and the surrounding areas contain several million more. About 12 per cent of Britain's overall population live in London. London was the first city in the modern world to have reached a **population** of one million people.


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There are over **100 theatres** in London, including 50 in **the West End**. London theatre accounts for 45% of all UK theatre admissions and over 70% of box-office revenues.





The **River Thames** flows through London. Richard the Lionheart introduced swans to Britain in the 12th century, from Cyprus. Mute swans on parts of the Thames are owned by the Crown. Claiming and counting them, is known as **Swan Upping**.

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New  
York

**London** is twinned with **New York**, **Moscow** and **Berlin**.



Berlin



Moscow

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← **London** has **43 universities**, the largest concentration of higher education in Europe.

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← The **double-decker bus** is an icon of London.





**The River Thames** runs through the centre of London from west to east. Its name comes from an old word for “river”.





The **exact centre** of London is marked by a plaque in **the Church of St.Martin's-in-the-Fields** overlooking **Trafalgar Square**.

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London is the first city to host **the Olympics** three times (1908, 1948 and 2012).



  
Pace  
Marine  
Gas Oil  
Lubricants

Fuel

No Unauthorised Mooring or Anchoring - High Water



The tallest building in London is **The Shard London Bridge** - 310 meters (1,017ft) tall. It is also the 45th tallest in the world.





London is made up of **two ancient cities** which are now joined together. They are:

- the City of London, known simply as '**the City**' which is the business and financial heart of the United Kingdom. It is also known as the **Square Mile**. It was the original Roman settlement (ancient Londinium), making it the oldest part of London and already 1,000 years old when the Tower of London was built.
- the City of Westminster, where Parliament and most of the government offices are located. Also Buckingham Palace, the official London residence of the Queen and the Royal family are located there too.

Together they all make up a region known as **Greater London**.





London is the seat of **central government** in Britain.

**Parliament** is where politicians (MPs) meet to decide laws and make decisions for the United Kingdom. It is not the same as **the Government** (which runs the country). One of the jobs Parliament does is to check that the Government is running the country properly.








There are **34 bridges** across the River Thames. London Bridge does not have towers. Tower Bridge does! Tower Bridge is the most recognisable bridge on the River Thames and is often mistakenly referred to as “London Bridge”.

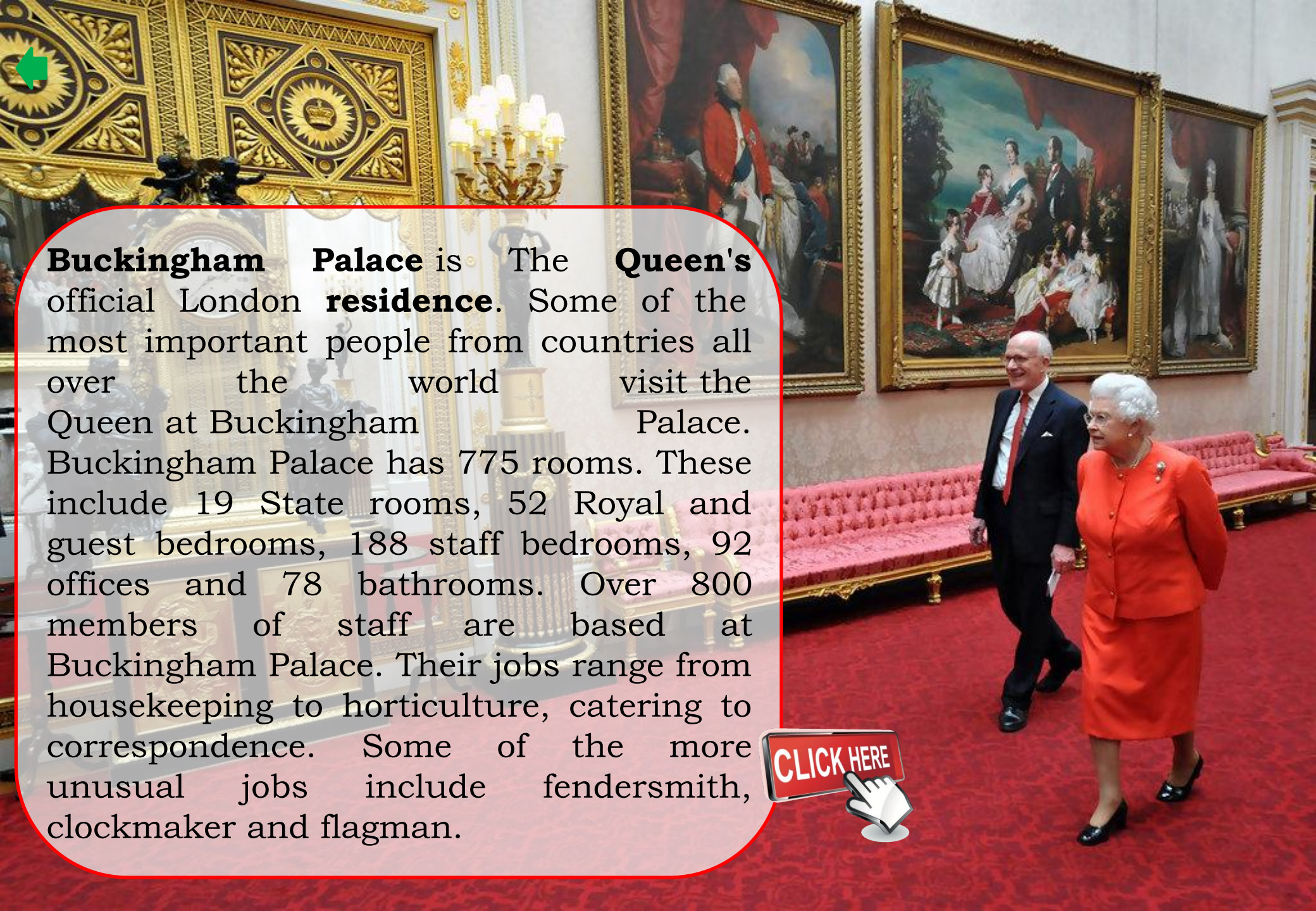




The traditional colour of taxis in London is Black. Today the 'Black Cabs' come in 12 different colours.


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**Buckingham Palace** is The **Queen's** official London **residence**. Some of the most important people from countries all over the world visit the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Buckingham Palace has 775 rooms. These include 19 State rooms, 52 Royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms, 92 offices and 78 bathrooms. Over 800 members of staff are based at Buckingham Palace. Their jobs range from housekeeping to horticulture, catering to correspondence. Some of the more unusual jobs include fendersmith, clockmaker and flagman.





Over 250 **languages** are spoken in London, making the capital the most linguistically diverse city in the world.

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**Big Ben** is not actually the name of the clock or the tower. It is the 13-ton **bell** inside the clock. The tower is known as **St Stephens Tower** but most people refer to it as Big Ben.





## What is the right answer?

How many languages can you hear on the streets of London?

Over 250

English only

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the City of London and the City of Westminster .

the East End and the West End.

London is twinned with ...

Cardiff, Edinburgh and Belfast.

New York, Moscow and Berlin.

London Underground is known as ...

'the Subway'.

'the Tube'.



Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

London Bridge has towers.



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The name of the River Thames comes from a Old word for "queen".

**Yes, you've got it!**



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