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Loving London

Who wants to go on a trip to London? You? Then join us on our A-Z journey through this ancient and modern city. It's a city which is full of surprises and there's always something to see and do in this exciting capital. If you like art or nature, sport or culture, food or museums then this is the place for you! So, what are you waiting for? Let's start our journey now and discover everything there is to know about London!

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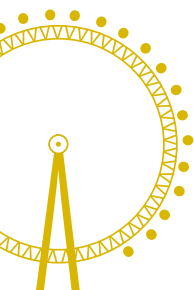


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ART

- 2 In London you can find many different types of art – traditional, modern, contemporary, street art and lots more. You can visit one of the many art galleries that London has to offer like the National Gallery or the Tate Modern or just walk around the streets finding some kind of art on every street corner. So let's find out more!

The front
of the Tate
Modern



Street Art

Walking round the area of East London you can see the work of more than 40 street artists. Street art includes graffiti and sculpture. Artists use this kind of art to give a message and show how they feel. You can pay to go on a tour with guides who explain the different artwork and what it means. And every time you go back to the area you'll find something new that wasn't there before.

Maid Sweeping by Banksy

Banksy

Around London there is lots of different artwork by the famous British graffiti artist called Banksy. In 2010, Time magazine named him as one of the world's most important people, but nobody knows his real identity*. We never see him in public*, but he always puts his name on his work. His graffiti is sometimes funny and usually has an important message. His work sells for a lot of money.

Pop-Up Art Galleries

In the last few years new kinds of art galleries have arrived in London. They're temporary* galleries that use empty buildings and shops. They are created quickly, stay open for a short time and then close again. Young artists can show their artwork and visitors can buy a painting if they find something they like.



Unusual Art Galleries

In London you can also see art in some very unusual places. For example, a cemetery, a public toilet, a platform of Hackney Downs train station in east London, a car park in Peckham in south-east London and the crypt under St Pancras Church in north-west London have all had art shows!

identity: who you are
in public: in the streets
temporary: for a short time

BUILDINGS

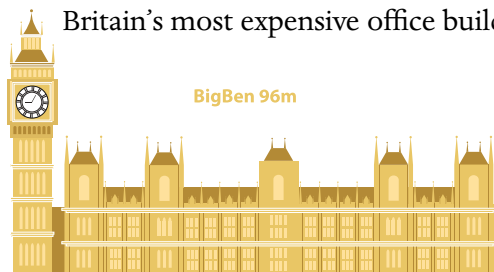
▶ 3 Tall buildings, small buildings, historic buildings, modern buildings ... you can find them all in London. This is the good thing about this amazing city. No two buildings are the same and there's a big variety of styles and designs. So what's your favourite building in London?

The Shard ↑
The Gherkin →

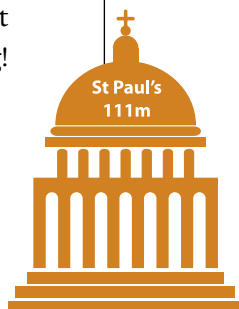


The Gherkin

This is the informal name of a skyscraper* in London's financial district, the City of London. It has this nickname as it is similar to a gherkin*. Although it isn't London's tallest building (it has 41 floors and is 180 metres tall), it is an iconic symbol of the city. You can see it from a distance of 32 kilometres. In September 2006 the building was sold for £630 million. This makes it Britain's most expensive office building!



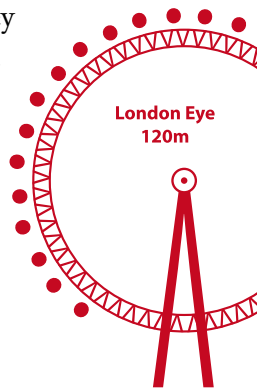
Big Ben 96m



St Paul's
111m

London's tallest building

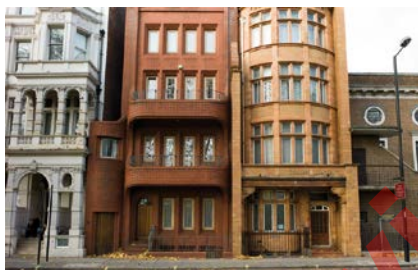
Since 2010 the tallest building in London has been **The Shard**. It's 310 metres tall and has 87 floors. It was designed by the Italian architect Renzo Piano and was finished after three years. It was opened to the public in February 2013 and inside there are offices, a hotel, luxury apartments, shops, restaurants, a spa and a place at the top where you have a wonderful view. On 3rd September 2012, a group of 40 people including Prince Andrew, climbed down from the 87th floor to make money for charity*.



London Eye
120m

London's smallest building

The smallest house in London is near Marble Arch. It's only a metre wide. It was built in 1805 and only one person, called Lewis Grant Wallace, has ever lived there. Behind the front door there are no rooms on the ground floor. On the first floor there's just a tiny bathroom!



Can you see where it is?

skyscraper: a very tall building

gherkin: a small green vegetable preserved in vinegar

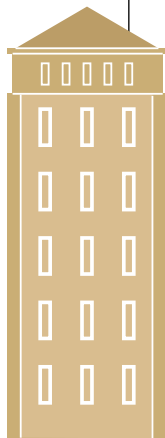
charity: an organisation that gives money to people who need help

fake: not real, false

St Mary Axe 180m



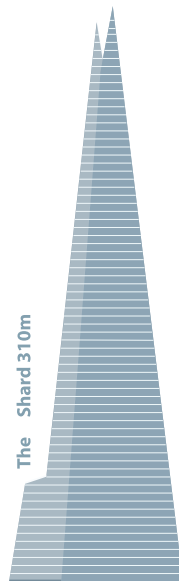
Canada Square 237m



Bishopsgate Tower 288m



The Shard 310m



'Fake' buildings

If you go to this address in London, you'll get a surprise – number 23 and 24 Leinster Gardens, Paddington, London. From the outside they are like two normal houses, but if you look carefully, you'll see they aren't real! The windows and doors are painted on the front of the house – but behind this there's the underground line. The 'fake'* houses are used to cover the underground line behind the buildings.



I think it's a real house but...!



THE CITY

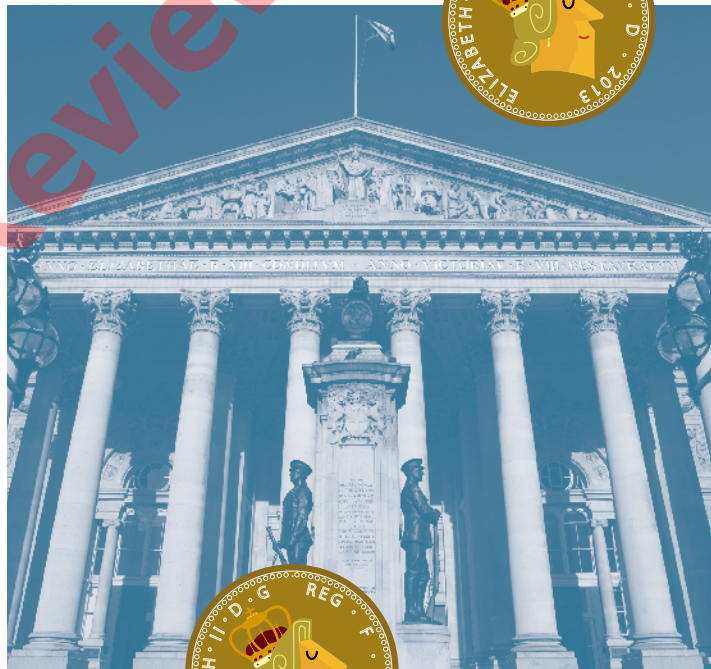
- ▶ 4 **The City is in the heart of London. In the past it was the historic centre of London, but is now the financial and business centre of London. Let's take a tour through the City!**

Banks and Buildings

Here you can find the London Stock Exchange*, the Bank of England, Lloyd's of London and more than 500 other banks. The area is full of skyscrapers and many of London's tallest buildings like the Gherkin are here.

A City in the City

The area of The City covers only 3 square kilometres, but it's like a real city. It has special political status and also has a police force. The most important person in The City is the Lord Mayor* of the City of London (in fact, London has two mayors, the other is called the Mayor of London).



The Bank of England



Culture in the City

The City is also a place of culture. It's home to the London Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Shakespeare Company. An important London monument is found here – St Paul's Cathedral. During the summer months, there's the City of London Festival where visitors can go to concerts and lectures, watch films and go on tours with a guide.

Its nickname

The City is often called **The Square Mile** because the area it covers is 1.12 miles!



St Paul's Cathedral



The Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor's Show

Every year, there is the Lord Mayor's Show, which is a three-mile long parade for the new Lord Mayor. This tradition has existed since 1215 when King John created a charter* so that the people of London could choose their mayor. The mayor travels the three miles in a carriage made of gold (see picture above) which is used only for the parade once a year. At other times, you can see it inside the Museum of London.

stock exchange: the place where people buy and sell shares in companies

mayor: the most important elected official in a city

a charter: an official document giving rights to the people

After-reading Activities

A R T

Where can you find an unusual art gallery in London?

Unscramble the anagrams below!

- | | | | |
|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| 1 TREMYCE | C..... | 4 LOITTE | T..... |
| 2 TOMRALFP | P..... | 5 ARC KRAP | C..... |
| 3 TRYPC | C..... | | P..... |

BUILDINGS

Match the names of the buildings with their descriptions.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 ☐ The Shard | a It was sold for £630 million. |
| 2 ☐ The Gherkin | b Only one person has ever lived there. |
| 3 ☐ 23/24 Leinster Gardens | c It isn't a real house. |
| 4 ☐ The smallest house in London | d It was designed by an Italian architect. |

THE CITY

Decide if each sentence is correct. Put A if it is correct, B if it is incorrect.

- | | A | B |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 The City's nickname is the Square Kilometre. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2 The City is an important financial centre. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3 Two important events take place in the City each year – the City of London Festival and the Lord Mayor's Show. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4 The Lord Mayor goes through the streets on a horse. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5 The City is a new area of London. | ☐ | ☐ |

THE LONDON DUNGEONS

Imagine you are on a school trip at the London Dungeons. Send a postcard to your family telling them about what you're doing and what you can see there. Write about 50 words.

EVENTS

Can you match each event with where and when it takes place?

Event

Where

When

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| - Dino Snores | - Trafalgar Square | - April |
| - Carnival | - National History Museum | - December |
| - Underage Festival | - Victoria Park | - Once a month |
| - Pillow Fight | - Covent Garden | - August |
| - Great Christmas Pudding Race | - Notting Hill | - August |

FILMS ABOUT LONDON

Be a film director! With your classmates think of an idea for a new film about London!

Choose the place where your film is set, the people in the film, the story and how much money you have to spend for the film, then present your idea to the class. Who has the best idea?

GREENWICH

Can you answer the questions about Greenwich?

- 1 What does GMT stand for?
- 2 Which line is Greenwich on?
- 3 What's the Palace of Placentia?
- 4 What's Greenwich's connection with the sea?
- 5 Why is Nauticalia the first shop in the world?