

Unit : discover a city

Reading

Team 2

Famous for red double-decker buses and phone boxes, London, the capital of the United Kingdom (UK), is the most visited city in the world. With a population of around 18,000 people 1,000 years ago, London is now home to approximately 12 million people from all over the world.

Attractions

Buckingham Palace

Queen Elizabeth II is probably the most famous reigning monarch in the world, having held the position for more than 55 years. The Queen and her family reside in the Buckingham Palace, which was built in the 19th century. The palace, now a focal point for the British people for both national celebrations and mourning, had Queen Victoria as its first resident.

Located in Westminster, this grand palace has 775 rooms, and one of the largest private gardens in the world. Tourists are welcome to visit some state rooms, which are normally used for official meetings, in August and September.



Tower Bridge

Standing tall over the Thames River, Tower Bridge is one of the iconic symbols of London. While the bridge is freely accessible to both pedestrians and vehicles, there is an admission charge to enter its twin towers. Currently blue and white, the bridge had previously been painted red, white and blue for Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee, that is, the 25th anniversary of her accession to the throne. To allow large ships to pass, the bridge is raised around three times a day. During those times, all the traffic stops or is redirected to a different bridge.



British Museum

British Museum's permanent collection, which counts as many as 8 million art pieces and artifacts, will overwhelm you. The collection originates from all continents, and it illustrates the story of human civilization, history and culture from the very beginning.

This museum hosts more than 6 million tourists each year. This is where you can see Elgin Marbles, taken from the ancient Greek temple of Parthenon in Athens, and Rosetta Stone, one of oldest writings of Ancient Egyptian literature, carved on a stone.

Like with all other public museums in London, the entrance to the British Museum is free.



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I. Read the introduction and the part of the text entitled « Tower Bridge ».

You can have help here :

<https://frama.link/lingro>



It's the same text, but when you click on a word, you have its definition.

It can help you to understand.

II. Read more precisely the part « Tower Bridge » plus the introduction

Highlight :

- In yellow the proper nouns (people, places, others).
- In green : the numbers.
- In orange : the transparent words.

Underline the repeated words.

III. Write them in this table. Follow the order of the text.

	Proper nouns	Numbers	Transparent words	Repeated words
Introduction				
Text				

IV. Complete the sentences to summarize the text about « Tower Bridge » :

Tower Bridge is on


It is accessible

To visit

It was painted

The Bridge raises

The entrance fee/ price

V. Listen to the other groups and take notes : 

Team 1

Name the attraction :

Number of visitors :

Number of art pieces :

Team 3

Queen Elizabeth is

Buckingham Palace

Queen Victoria was

The palace has



Let's play « **KAHOOT** » to check if you understood everything !

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