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GENERAL FACTS

- ❑ capital city of the UK
- ❑ population of about 10 million (with suburbs)
- ❑ seat of the Monarch, the Parliament,
the Government and the Supreme Court
- ❑ great political and commercial centre,
a paradise for theatregoers and shoppers,
but also a quiet place with many parks
- ❑ capital of culture with its museums and libraries

**SIGHTS, PLACES OF INTEREST,
SYMBOLS, TRANSPORT, SPORT,
ARCHITECTURE**

The Tower of London



- built by William the Conqueror
- used to be a prison, execution site and a royal mint
- now a museum, Crown Jewels are kept there



- Yeomen Guards, known as Beefeaters are the ceremonial guardians of the Tower
- responsible for looking after any prisoners and safeguarding the crown jewels
- formed in 1485 by Henry II (Tudor)
- all warders are retired from Armed Forces of Commonwealth realms with at least 22 years of service

It is said that if the Tower of London ravens are lost or fly away, the Crown will fall and Britain with it.



TOWER BRIDGE



- built in the 19th century
- can open in the middle and let large ships go through

Palace of Westminster



- known as the Houses of Parliament
- political centre of the UK
- meeting place of the House of Commons and the House of Lords

Big Ben

- nickname for the great bell of the clock tower weighing 13 tons
- probably named in honour of Sir Benjamin Hall, one of ministers responsible for the work when the bell was installed



Westminster Abbey



- one of the oldest buildings in London
- important religious centre
- almost all coronations since William the Conqueror have been held here
- many British kings and queens are buried here

Buckingham Palace



- official residence of the Queen and the Royal Family
- when the Queen is at home, the Royal Flag flies on top
- at 11:30 a. m. at the gates of the palace you can watch Changing of the Guard

Guards





Victoria Memorial



- in the Queen's Gardens in front of the Buckingham Palace
- dedicated to Queen Victoria

St Paul's Cathedral

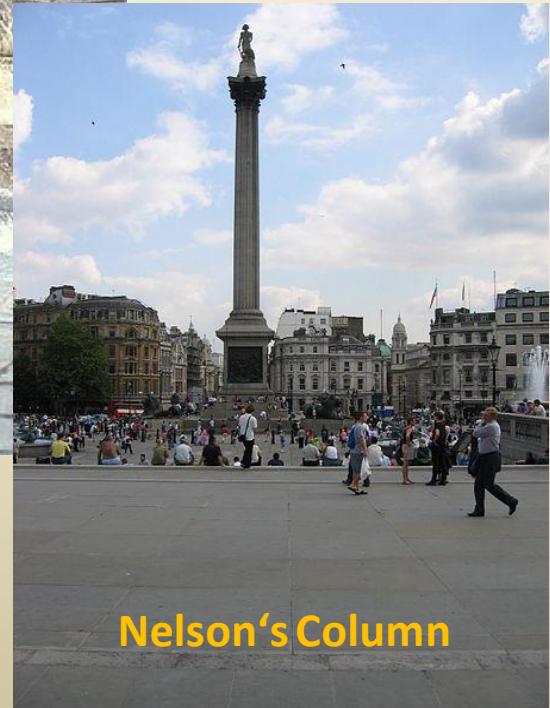


- built in the 17th century,
designed by Sir Christopher Wren
- seat of the Bishop of London
- known for its Whispering Gallery;
standing in the gallery, you can clearly hear
what is whispered on the opposite side
hunderer feet far from you

Squares



Trafalgar Square – named after Admiral Nelson's victory over Napoleon at Trafalgar in 1805



Nelson's Column



Piccadilly Circus





- neon signs on the corner building on the northern side of Piccadilly Circus



- Shaftesbury memorial fountain and the Statue of Eros

Parks



- Hyde Park and its Speaker's Corner



- **St James's Park**
- the oldest of the Royal Parks of London



Other symbols



- red telephone boxes



- a hackney carriage also called a cab, black cab, hack or London taxi



- a double-decker bus



London Eye

- a giant Ferris wheel, 135 m tall
120 m in diameter

- steel supplied from the UK
and fabricated in the Netherlands,
cables came from Italy,
the bearings from Germany,
the spindle and hub were cast
in the Czech Republic,
the capsules were made in France





Tony Blair and R. B. Cheney

Number 10 Downing Street

- the official residence and office of the Prime Minister

Barack Obama and Gordon Brown at Downing St. 10



Transport



- London underground or tube is the world's oldest underground beginning service in 1863

- there are 5 major airports in London - Heathrow, Stansted, Gatwick, Luton, London City

Shopping and entertainment

- The West End is famous for its shops and places of entertainment
- here we can find most of London's theatres, cinemas, night clubs



- Oxford Street
- known for its shopping centres

The Globe Theatre



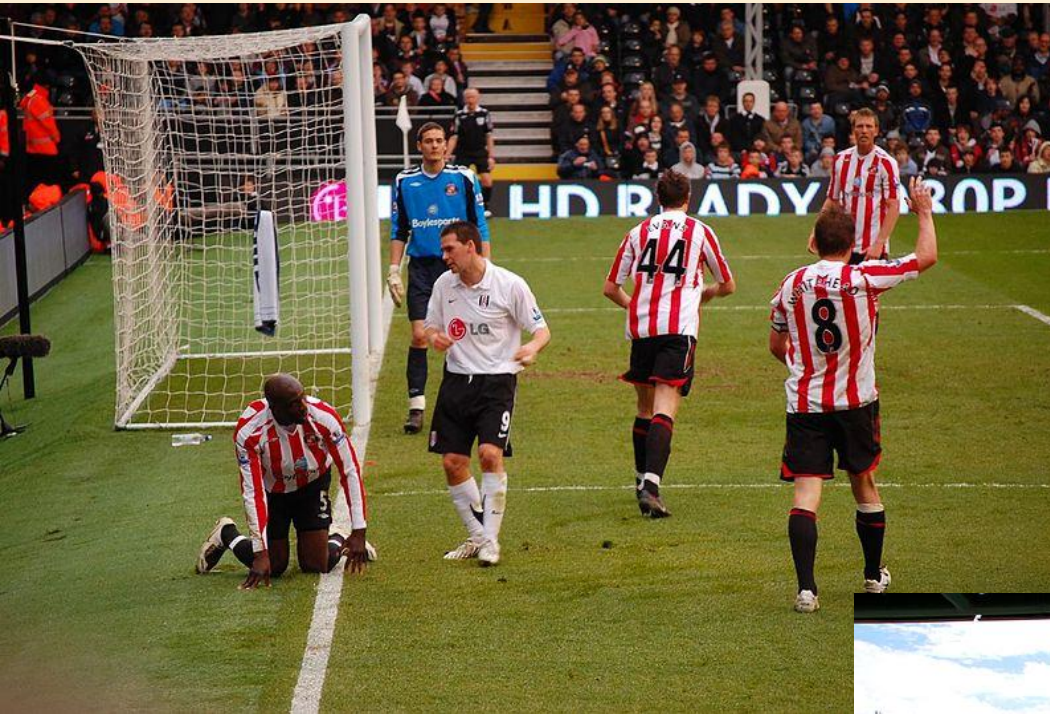
- built in 1599 by Shakespeare's playing company, The Lord Chamberlain's Men
- a modern reconstruction of the Globe opened in 1997

Royal Albert Hall

- a concert hall



SPORTS



- football is among the most popular sports in London
- London has several of England's leading football clubs, such as Fulham, Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham Hotspur



- Wimbledon tennis championships
 - the oldest tennis tournament in the world
 - has been held in All England Club in Wimbledon, London since 1877

Modern Architecture



NatWest Tower (183m) and Swiss Re Tower (180 m)



City Hall



New Fetter Lane

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