

UNIT 2 LONDON

Before watching....

1 Remember what you already know about London and the UK. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

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| 1 The United Kingdom is comprised of the islands of Great Britain and Ireland. | T | F |
| 2 London is the capital city of England and the United Kingdom. | T | F |
| 3 London is the largest city in the UK. | T | F |
| 4 London is located in the southeast of England. | T | F |
| 5 The river Trent flows through London. | T | F |

2 Watch the video and put these historical events in the correct order.

- ___ The Romans established Londinium, which developed into the capital of Roman Britain.
- ___ William Shakespeare wrote for London's Globe Theatre.
- ___ The Houses of Parliament and Tower Bridge were built during Queen Victoria's reign.
- ___ People inhabited the area around London in the Bronze Age.
- ___ The Great Plague and the Great Fire hit London, leaving numerous victims and large damage.
- ___ The Normans invaded Britain and brought their culture with them.

3 a) Read the list of sights with the mixed-up names and correct them. Start with the first word in each example/name. Start each name with the first word. There is an example at the beginning. When you finish, watch the video again and check your answers.

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| Buckingham Column | 0 | <u>Buckingham Palace</u> |
| Piccadilly Hill | 1 | _____ |
| Nelson's Palace | 2 | _____ |
| Palace of London | 3 | _____ |
| St Paul's Circus | 4 | _____ |
| Tower of Westminster | 5 | _____ |
| Notting Cathedral | 6 | _____ |

b) Write the numbers of the sights in task 3 a) under the photos below. There are three sights you do not need.



4 Freddie took Anne, his friend from Birmingham, on a London tour. Read about the sights she saw. Complete the text with the names of the places. There are three names you do not need.

London Eye	Tower Bridge	Camden	Trafalgar Square	Hyde Park
Notting Hill	Tube	Big Ben	British Museum	London Bridge

We started the tour at one of the bridges across the Thames, (1) _____, which was a little disappointing at first. I was expecting a magnificent structure with two towers and a bridge that lifts to let ships pass, but then I realized I had confused it with (2) _____.

After taking a few photos, we headed towards the (3) _____, where we took a spin on the iconic big wheel and enjoyed panoramic views of the city from above. Afterwards, we made our way to (4) _____. I thought this was the name of the clock tower, but Freddie told me it was actually the name of the bell inside the tower.

We got tired walking, so we decided to take the (5) _____. Freddie showed me how to find the right line and direction for my destination. (6) _____ was our next stop - one of London's most beautiful green spaces, where we strolled along the lakes and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

The lunch gave us the energy for our final stop: the (7) _____. I am a history buff, so you can imagine how much I enjoyed exploring the exhibits, including the Rosetta Stone and the Egyptian mummies. After a full day of sightseeing, I was exhausted but thrilled by the many amazing sights and experiences we enjoyed on our London tour.

KEY

1 1 F, 2 T, 3 T, 4 T, 5 F

2 2, 4, 6, 1, 5, 3

3 a) 1 Piccadilly Circus, 2 Nelson's Column, 3 Palace of Westminster, 4 St Paul's Cathedral, 5 Tower of London, 6 Notting Hill

3 b) 1, 4, 6, 5

4 1 London Bridge, 2 Tower Bridge, 3 London Eye, 4 Big Ben, 5 underground, 6 Hyde Park, 7 British Museum