



Landmarks

Warm-up

Look at the pictures of these famous places. What are they called? Where are they located? What do you know about them? Discuss with your partner.



Reading Comprehension

Read the text below and complete the tasks that follow.

Discovering London's Crown Jewels

London, a city steeped in history and vibrant culture, offers an incredible array of landmarks that attract millions of visitors annually. At the heart of this magnificent city lies **Buckingham Palace**, the administrative headquarters and London residence of the monarch. Witnessing the **Changing of the Guard** ceremony here is a quintessentially British experience, a display of precision and tradition that captivates onlookers.

A short walk away, one can find the **Houses of Parliament**, an iconic Gothic Revival building situated on the north bank of the River Thames. Adjacent to it stands **Big Ben**, officially known as the Elizabeth Tower, whose chimes are a constant, reassuring presence in the city. For history buffs, the **Tower of London** is a must-visit. This historic castle on the north bank of the River Thames has served variously as a royal residence, a prison, and even a treasury. It houses the world-famous Crown Jewels, a breathtaking collection of regalia.



Finally, no trip to London is complete without a visit to **Westminster Abbey**. This large, mainly Gothic church is one of the United Kingdom's most notable religious buildings and the traditional place of coronation and burial site for British monarchs. Its stunning architecture and historical significance make it an unforgettable destination.

Task 1: True or False?

1. Buckingham Palace is the official residence of the current King of the UK.
2. The Changing of the Guard ceremony takes place at the Tower of London.
3. Big Ben is located on the south bank of the River Thames.
4. The Tower of London has never been used as a prison.
5. Westminster Abbey is primarily known for hosting modern concerts.

Task 2: Multiple Choice

What is the official name of the famous clock tower in London? a) Buckingham Tower b) Elizabeth Tower c) Big Ben Tower

Vocabulary Practice

Complete the sentences with the correct word from the box. Some words may not be used.



palace	ceremony	fortress	tradition	iconic	regalia	monarch	historical	stunning
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1. The _____ Palace served as the main setting for the royal wedding.
2. The ancient _____ on the hill offered a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside.
3. The indigenous peoples of the region have a rich _____ of storytelling passed down through generations.
4. The _____ of the coronation was watched by millions around the world.
5. The _____ of the Crown Jewels is a testament to the country's long and complex history.
6. The old castle, with its imposing walls, was once a formidable _____ against invaders.
7. The wedding dress was described as absolutely _____ by all who saw it.
8. The Eiffel Tower is an _____ symbol of Paris and a globally recognized landmark.

Grammar & Word Formation

Task 3: Verb Tenses (Grammar)

Choose the correct form of the verb in the brackets.



1. For centuries, people (visit) _____ these ancient ruins, marveling at their construction. a) visit b) have visited c) visited
2. While I (explore) _____ the museum yesterday, I found an interesting exhibit about ancient Egypt. a) was exploring b) explored c) have explored
3. The guide (explain) _____ the history of the cathedral when the bell began to chime. a) was explaining b) explained c) had explained
4. By the time we arrived, the tour group (already / leave) _____ the historical site. a) already left b) had already left c) already leaves
5. If you (go) _____ to Rome, you absolutely must see the Colosseum. a) go b) will go c) went

Task 4: Word Formation (Word Formation)

Complete the sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. The city boasts a _____ (history) rich past, with evidence of ancient civilizations.
2. The _____ (beauty) of the landscape left us speechless.



3. It was a truly _____ (wonder) experience to stand at the top of the mountain.
4. The _____ (explore) discovered a hidden chamber within the ancient tomb.
5. The museum offers a _____ (fascinate) collection of artifacts from around the world.



Writing Task

Task 5: Describe a Famous Landmark (Writing)



Choose one famous landmark from anywhere in the world (it can be one you've visited, seen in pictures, or read about). Write a short description (5-7 sentences) for a travel blog. Include:

- The name and location of the landmark.
- What makes it special or famous.
- Why you think people should visit it.

Example approach: "The Colosseum in Rome is an ancient amphitheater that represents the grandeur of the Roman Empire. It's famous for its gladiatorial contests and public spectacles. The sheer scale and historical significance of this structure are awe-inspiring. Visiting the Colosseum offers a tangible connection to the past and a glimpse into Roman life. I highly recommend it to anyone interested in history and architecture; it's an unforgettable experience."
