

READING COMPREHENSION

1. WHEN IT'S VERY COLD

Go ice skating at Somerset House. Somerset House is a beautiful 18th century building on the river Thames. In the winter, the area in front of the house is made into an ice-skating rink. There is a skating school, where you can have lessons, and there are also late-night sessions and DJ nights. In November and December there is an enormous Christmas tree, and the café serves special Christmas food.

2. WHEN IT'S RAINING

Go to South Kensington, and visit three wonderful museums. You can walk from one to the other because they are all very near. The Science Museum is very popular with adults and children, and also the Natural History Museum, which has life-size robotic dinosaurs and other fascinating exhibits. The third museum, the Victoria and Albert museum, is full of art and design from all over the world. It has an amazing collection of fashion from the 17th century to the present day. And if the sun comes out, cross the road into Kensington Gardens, one of London's many parks, and visit the famous statue of Peter Pan.

3. WHEN THE SUN IS SHINING

Go to Hampstead Heath, London's biggest park. From the top of Parliament Hill, in the south part of the Heath, you can see many of London's famous monuments, including St. Paul's Cathedral, the London Eye and the Palace of Westminster, and Big Ben. Have a picnic, and then, if it's hot, walk to the open-air swimming pool, where you can swim with plants and trees all round you. It is a magical place, and you can't believe that you are in the middle of a capital city.

Activity 1

Read the text and choose the best title for it.

The best title is:

Activity 2

Read the text again and choose true (T) or false (F).

- a) Somerset House is a 17th century building on the River Thames.
- b) In November and December, the café prepares special Christmas food.
- c) The Victoria and Albert Museum is very popular with children and adults.
- d) In Kensington gardens, one of London's many parks, you can visit the famous statue of Mary Poppins.
- e) From the top of Westminster Hill, you can see many of London's famous monuments.
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- f) In the open-air swimming pool in Hampstead Heath, you can swim with plants and trees all round you.