# London




Oxford Street has many big shops – Selfridges, Marks and Spencer, Debenhams. For smaller shops, go to Covent Garden. Charing Cross Road is famous for its bookshops. There are lots of them, and they sell old and new books.

At weekends you can visit some of London's markets. Petticoat Lane market (open on Sundays) is in Middlesex Street and has cheap clothes and things for the home. At the market in Portobello Road (open on Saturdays) you can buy old clocks, old chairs and tables, and hundreds of other things. At Brick Lane market (open on Sundays) in the East End, you can buy nearly everything. Old Spitalfields Market in Commercial Street (open on Sundays) has some of the latest clothes in town – and they're cheap!

When it is time for food, London has everything. You can have dinner in an expensive restaurant for hundreds of pounds – or you can buy a sandwich for not very much at all. You can eat in cafés or bars, you can buy food and take it away, and of course you can buy English fish and chips!

London has restaurants from nearly every country in the world and not all of them are expensive. You can find food from Italy, Mexico, Spain, India, China, Russia, and many other countries. There are hundreds of good restaurants in Picadilly, Soho, Leicester Square and Covent Garden, and more in Kensington, Knightsbridge and Chelsea.

For a very English afternoon, go to the Ritz in Picadilly or the Savoy Hotel in the Strand for afternoon tea. You can listen to music, drink tea and eat wonderful food. But remember to take a lot of money with you!

And do not forget about pubs. There are thousands of pubs in London. In many pubs, you can eat and drink, and pub food is often cheap and good.

**1.** Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

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| 1 | Covent Garden is a big shop in London. | True / False |
| 2 | There are lots of bookshops on Charing Cross Road. | True / False |
| 3 | You can buy clothes at Petticoat Lane and Old Spitalfields markets. | True / False |
| 4 | It's difficult to find good restaurants in Soho. | True / False |
| 5 | Afternoon tea at the Savoy Hotel is not expensive. | True / False |
| 6 | Food in London pubs is not usually very expensive. | True / False |

**2.** bookshop café market pub restaurant

**What can you do at each place in exercise 1? Complete the sentences.**

1 People often go to a _____ for breakfast, a snack or just a drink.

2 At a _____ adults can meet friends, drink beer and sometimes have a meal too.

3 People go to a _____ for lunch or dinner, not just a drink or snack.

4 A _____ is often outside in the street, and you can buy lots of different things there.

5 You can buy books at a _____