

# THE THAMES BARRIER



## 1. Drag the following words to the pictures that describe them.

flooding



barrier



gate



wave

pier

tunnel



## 2. Listen and decide if these statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. According to the guide, the piers of the Thames barrier look like a piece of clothing.
2. All gates are 61 meters wide and weigh 1,500 tons.
3. Six out of the 10 gates are only used when there is a danger of flooding.
4. When the gates are risen, they are as high as a five-floor building.
5. The navigation lights signal whether the barrier is functioning or not.
6. The Thames Barrier has saved London from flooding over 70 times.

## 3. Listen again and complete:

1. Can you see those big things that look like .....?
2. ....these steel gates are 61m wide and ..... 1500 tonnes each.
3. ....these six gates are ..... to form a barrier between the piers.
4. ....that is closed, and a ..... means it's open.
5. This is necessary because every ..... years the water in the river rises ..... cm.