

My city

Pop singer Charlotte Bond talks about living in London.

I live in the centre of London. I love it because there's always something happening and there are people around whatever time it is. Famous people like it too – they often come here for the restaurants and shops.

I've lived here all my life. When I was little, I had singing lessons at a place near where I live now. I was afraid of the teacher at first, and some of the songs we did together were quite hard to learn. But she was good at what she did and I learned a lot of things that have helped me in my career.

When friends visit me now, I enjoy taking them sightseeing. You can get a bus around the city, but we prefer to walk. I've got a little car and I love driving, but there's so much traffic here, and it's hard to find parking spaces.

One building I love is the Natural History Museum. They sometimes hold parties there, and last December my band and I played at one. I'll never forget it. When I go to exhibitions at the museum with my friends, I tell them all about that night and how amazing it was.

Soon I'll be leaving London to go on tour with my band. We're playing in lots of new cities and I can't wait to explore them. We've sold lots of tickets, which is great. I'll be away from my family for six months, but they're coming to see me sing, so it's fine.

- 14 What does Charlotte love about the centre of London?
- A It is always busy.
 - B Famous people often visit.
 - C The shops are very good.
- 15 How does Charlotte feel about the singing lessons she had?
- A She's surprised she can remember them.
 - B She's sorry she didn't try harder.
 - C She's glad she did them.
- 16 What does Charlotte think is the best way to see the city?
- A by car
 - B on foot
 - C by bus
- 17 Why does Charlotte love the Natural History Museum?
- A She had a special experience there.
 - B She thinks the building is beautiful.
 - C She enjoys visiting the exhibitions.
- 18 What does Charlotte say about going on tour with her band?
- A She hopes lots of people will buy tickets for her shows.
 - B She feels excited about seeing new places.
 - C She's worried she'll miss her family.

Camels

Camels are one of the only large animals that can live happily in the Sahara Desert. The hot weather and strong winds are not a (19) for them. Also, they do not need to eat or drink every day, and this (20) them very useful to the people who live there.

Camels begin working at the age of about four years old and don't stop until they are around 25 to 30. They can carry people or things a very long (21), and because of this they are sometimes (22) the 'ships of the desert'.

These days, there are roads across some (23) of the Sahara, so buses and lorries are often (24) However, in places where there are no roads, camels are still the only type of transport.

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| 19 | A trouble | B mistake | C problem |
| 20 | A gets | B has | C makes |
| 21 | A way | B path | C road |
| 22 | A described | B said | C called |
| 23 | A parts | B examples | C things |
| 24 | A put | B used | C done |