

a Quickly read the guidebook extract about the London Eye and answer the questions.

- 1 How high is the London Eye? _____
- 2 How far can you see on a clear day? _____
- 3 How many capsules are there? _____
- 4 How many passengers are there in each capsule? _____
- 5 How long is the trip? _____
- 6 How fast does it move? _____
- 7 What time does it open / close?
In the summer
In the winter
- 8 Can you get tickets on the day you want to go? _____
- 9 Where is the ticket office? _____
- 10 Which underground station is near the London Eye? _____

The London Eye

The London Eye was opened on New Year's Eve 1999 to celebrate the Millennium. It is 135 metres high, and from the top you can see all of London. On a clear day you can even see Windsor Castle, which is 40 kilometres away. The London Eye has 32 capsules, each with **room** for 25 people. Each 'trip' lasts 30 minutes. It moves quite slowly, at a speed of about 15 metres a minute, but it never stops. **Passengers** have to get on when it's moving.

Opening times Daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the summer and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the winter.

Tickets In advance online or by phone. A limited number of tickets are available on the day from the Ticket Office in County Hall (the building next to the Eye), but go early because you often have to queue.

How to get there 5 minutes' walk from Waterloo underground station.

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In pairs, answer these questions.

Your town

Tourist information

- 1 Do you live in a village, town, or city?
- 2 Do many tourists visit? When do they come?
- 3 Are there any important tourist areas near where you live?
- 4 Where you live, is there...? Write the name.

an interesting museum	_____
a famous street	_____
a beautiful square	_____
a famous bridge	_____
a good art gallery	_____
an old castle	_____
an important church or mosque	_____
a good department store	_____
a good, cheap hotel	_____
a street market	_____
- 5 What are the top three tourist attractions in your town?