

I AM GOING TO BE A BEEFEATER!

Hello everyone, my name is Mary Strike and I want to be a **beefeater**. When I was a kid I visited the Tower of London and I only remember the **outfit** of the man who explained the treasures hidden in the tower and told us the stories that happened there. That man was dressed in a very curious suit and at that moment, I decided that when I was older, I wanted to be a beefeater.



Now I am 50 years old and I have worked in the **Navy** for the last 25 years and I have three medals for my work. I love the history and art of my country and that is why **I am going to prepare** myself to work as a beefeater. **I am going to study** very hard because **they are going to evaluate** me.

If I **get the job**, I am going to watch and control the castle, I am going to receive visitors, I am going to be the tour guide and finally I am going to participate in **parades**.

They are going to pay me 30,000 pounds (about 34,000 euros) a year and **I going to work** 36 hours a week. It is not a bad job, what do you think?



Currently 37 beefeater are working in the Tower of London, there is only one **vacancy** and **that job is going to be** mine.

The first female beefeater was named in 2007 and it was a great **achievement** for us. Until that moment, beefeater corps **was made up of** only men for more than 500 years.

If I get the job, **my husband is going to be** very **proud** of me and **my two children are going to be** very happy because I have always talked about my dream with them.

If I finally get the job, **I'm going to celebrate** it with a great dinner with my parents and **I'm going to prepare** a trip to Spain with my husband and children. They want to visit that country.



I forget to say that one of the best things about working as a beefeater is that **I am going to live** in a **luxurious** apartment by the river Thames. All the beefeaters live in the tower.

If you visit London, find me around the Tower Bridge and I will **reveal** to you the secrets of this wonderful place.

ABOUT THE TEXT: Look for the meaning of the **words in red**. It will help you to understand the text.

Beefeater: _____ Vacancy: _____

Outfit: _____ Achievement: _____

Navy: _____ To be made up of: _____

To get a job: _____ Proud: _____

Parade: _____ Luxurious: _____

Currently: _____ To reveal: _____

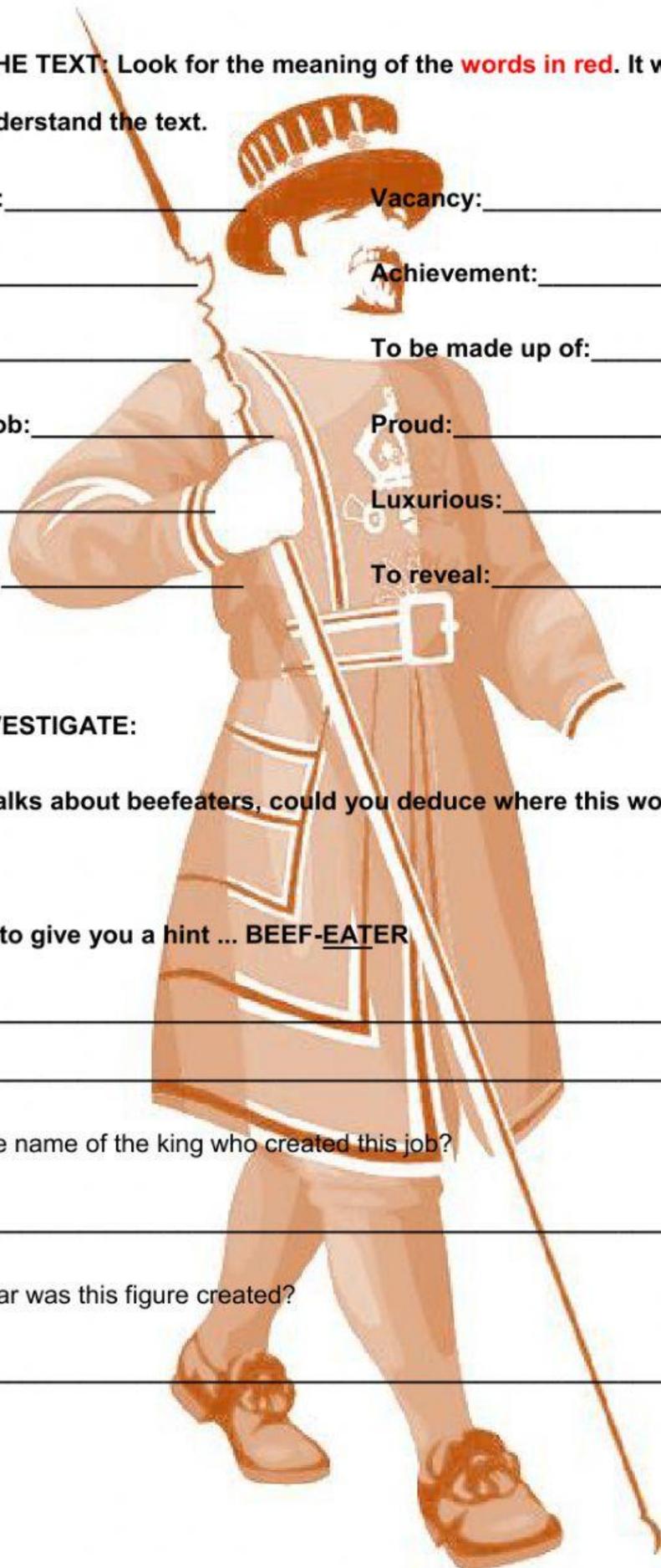
LET'S INVESTIGATE:

The text talks about beefeaters, could you deduce where this word comes from?

I'm going to give you a hint ... **BEEF-EATER**

What is the name of the king who created this job?

In what year was this figure created?



READING COMPREHENSION. Answer these questions:

What is the name of the narrator of the story?

How old is she right now?

What place in London did she visit when she was a child?

Where did Mary work for 25 years?

What four duties do beefeaters have?

How many hours a week does a beefeater work?

In what year did the first woman join the beefeater corps?

What is she going to do if she gets the job?

