

Reading and Use of English

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The Old _____ of Threadneedle _____

The history of the Bank of _____, also _____ as The _____ Lady
of Threadneedle Street

Who is this old lady?

'The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street' is the _____ of the Bank of
England which has stood in its _____ location, right in the _____ of the
City of _____ since 1734.

But was there _____ an old lady of Threadneedle Street and what had she
to do _____ Banking?

There was indeed an old lady...Sarah Whitehead was _____ name.

Sarah had a _____ called Philip, a disgruntled _____ employee of the
bank, who was _____ guilty of _____ in 1811, and executed _____
his crime.

Poor Sarah was so _____ she became 'unhinged' and every day for the
next 25 years she went to the Bank and asked _____ see her brother.
When she died she was _____ in the old churchyard that later _____
the bank's garden, and her ghost has _____ seen on many occasions in
the past.

Another phrase often used is 'As _____ as the Bank of England', and is
used to describe a system that is _____ and secure.

But in 1780 the bank did _____ seem so safe during the Gordon Riots,
when for days, London _____ terrorised by an Anti-Catholic mob led
_____ Lord George Gordon.

After burning _____ Newgate and other prisons, the mob turned its
_____ to the bank.

A small _____ of troops were hastily organised by the government and
managed to repel the _____.

Since then, apart from a short period in the 18th century the bank _____ been guarded every _____ by the Bank Piquet, drawn from detachments of the Guards, _____ in London.

So, one can now say about something, without fear of being proved wrong, that 'it is as safe _____ the Bank of England'!