



1 Look at the photos. Complete the texts with the names of the places.



The Tower of London



Covent Garden



The Natural History Museum

a About 100 years ago, (1) **Covent Garden** was a busy fruit and vegetable market. Over the years, it has changed a lot and now it is a very popular tourist destination. There are many small independent shops and you can find lots of interesting things to buy.

b If you're interested in the story of life on Earth, a trip to London isn't complete without a visit to the (2) **Natural History Museum**, which contains over 80 million items.

c Visitors from all over the world come to see the (3) **Tower of London**, the large stone building next to London Bridge. It is nearly 1,000 years old. In the past, it has been a palace, a castle and a prison.

d The exhibits in the (4) **Natural History Museum** cover 4.5 billion years of the Earth's history. It is most famous for its dinosaurs, but you can also see an enormous blue whale skeleton, lots of fossils, and a piece of rock from Mars.

e A lot of kings and queens have lived in the (5) **Tower of London**. At one time, all the money in Britain was made here. Today, the Crown Jewels, a collection of the king's or queen's very precious jewels, is kept here.

f (6) **Covent Garden** is now famous for entertainment. It is the home of the Royal Opera House, the most famous place to see opera in the UK.

g There are many stories and legends about the (7) **Tower of London**. Some people say they have seen ghosts there. Others say that if the black birds that live there fly away, it will fall down!

h If you don't like opera music, or if it's too expensive, you can just sit and watch one of the many street performers in (8) **Covent Garden** for free.

i You have to pay for some exhibitions in the (9) **Natural History Museum**, but there are plenty of things to see for free. Sometimes, you can even visit at nighttime!