

- You are going to read about a legend connected to the Tower of London. Some words are missing from the text.
- Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (1-8).
- Then write the appropriate form of these words on the lines after the text.
- There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.
- Use **only one word** for each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.

## THE SIX RAVENS

If anything characterizes the British, it is how they respect and preserve their traditions and legends.

One of these (0) **fascinating** (*fascinate*) legends is the story of the six ravens at the Tower of London.



The legend, and with it the tradition, was born during the reign of Charles II (1630-1685). The king's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (**astronomy**) wanted to remove all the ravens from the Tower. These birds spent all day flying around, making it (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (**possible**) for him to observe the sky with his telescope. But King Charles II thought it would be bad luck to scare or kill the ravens. To ensure the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (**protect**) of these birds Charles II ruled that there should always be at (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (**little**) six ravens inhabiting the Tower.

One of the first (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (**describe**) of the Tower of London's ravens appeared in a novel by a Japanese writer, *The Tower of London*. He wrote that those executed in the Tower were turned into ravens. It is a fabulous dark story that adds to the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (**magic**) of the place.

Today, the ravens are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (**register**) as 'soldiers' of the Kingdom, and, thus, can be expelled from the Tower if they misbehave. This happened to Raven George, who was fired in 1986 for (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (**attack**) TV antennas; he was taken to the Zoological Park of Wales.

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