READING THE UK TODAY

Read the text. Match (1—12) with the choices (A—D).

It has become a tradition to start [B] (1) of some country from its capital. London is an ancient city with rich cultural achievements. Such sights as the Tower, the Houses of [ ] (2), Westminster, Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus are well known in the world. [ ] (3) the capital of the country there are many other places and regions which are worth speaking about and seeing. One of them is the most beautiful part of Great Britain — Wales, which is famous for its mountains and valleys. It's an ideal place for [ ] (4) your vacations. Wales has often been called the Land of Songs. One of the Welsh traditions [ ] (5) festivals. The Welsh sing their songs, wear their traditional clothes in their capital Cardiff as [ ] (6) as in the other parts of the country.

They say if you visit Great Britain you must visit the city [ ] (7) Bath, the splendid monument to the elegance and good taste of the 18th century. The city took its name from the Roman bath, [ ] (8) can be seen in the heart of the city. To visit the country [ ] (9) visiting Stratford-upon-Avon is unimaginable. The things that attract people's attention are the places connected with the name of William Shakespeare: the house where he was born, the grammar school where he studied, the little cottage near Stratford where his wife, Anne Hathaway, lived as a girl. One of the biggest attractions is the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. One of the [ ] (10) beautiful and interesting parts of Great Britain is Scotland, especially the region that is usually [ ] (11) Highlands. Tourists go to Scotland to see its beautiful lakes, called «lochs». Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, is a beautiful and old city. The first thing you see in it is the Rock, a very large hill in the middle of the city. Edinburgh Castle stands on it. The castle looks like a castle from a fairy tale. Scottish national and [ ] (12) festivals are held there.

	A	B	C	D
1	sight	sightseeing	travel	see
2	Parliament	President	Feudal	Rada
3	Far	Inside	Where	Besides
4	spending	wasting	sending	during
5	be	being	is	are
6	good	well	better	best
7	of	from	above	under
8	when	who	where	which
9	with	without	by way	among
10	many	much	more	most
11	called	cried	phoned	asked
12	musical	melody	tune	singing

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A. Match the parts of the sentences about London.

D	1) Tube	**A** is an industrial area of London.
	2) London	**B** is the administrative centre of London.
	3) Buckingham Palace	**C** took place in 1666.
	4) The Houses of Parliament	**D** is the name for London underground.
	5) St Paul's Cathedral	**E** is situated to the west of Westminster.
	6) The Tower of London	**F** is a wonderful church built by Christopher Wren.
	7) Beefeaters	**G** is the London home of the British sovereign.
	8) Westminster Abbey	**H** is an old beautiful church.
	9) Westminster	**I** are the seat of the British Parliament.
	10) «Cutty Sark»	**J** is the capital of the UK.
	11) The Great Fire of London	**K** is the business centre of London.
	12) The City	**L** are primarily for commuters' transport but open-top models are used as sight-seeing buses for tourists.
	13) East End	**M** is a place where East meets West.
	14) West End	**N** was built more than 900 years ago.
	15) Double-deckers	**O** guard the Tower and guide visitors.
	16) the Greenwich meridian	**P** was the name of the historic ship that was destroyed by a fire in 2007.

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