

## READING THE UK TODAY

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

It has become a tradition to start <sup>(1)</sup> of some country from its capital. London is an ancient city with rich cultural achievements. Such sights as the Tower, the Houses of <sup>(2)</sup>, Westminster, Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus are well known in the world. <sup>(3)</sup> 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 <sup>(4)</sup> your vacations. Wales has often been called the Land of Songs. One of the Welsh traditions <sup>(5)</sup> festivals. The Welsh sing their songs, wear their traditional clothes in their capital Cardiff as <sup>(6)</sup> as in the other parts of the country.

They say if you visit Great Britain you must visit the city <sup>(7)</sup> Bath, the splendid monument to the elegance and good taste of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The city took its name from the Roman bath, <sup>(8)</sup> can be seen in the heart of the city. To visit the country <sup>(9)</sup> 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 <sup>(10)</sup> beautiful and interesting parts of Great Britain is Scotland, especially the region that is usually <sup>(11)</sup> 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 <sup>(12)</sup> 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

**A. Match the parts of the sentences about London.**

- ☒ **D** 1) Tube
- ☐ 2) London
- ☐ 3) Buckingham Palace
- ☐ 4) The Houses of Parliament
- ☐ 5) St Paul's Cathedral
- ☐ 6) The Tower of London
- ☐ 7) Beefeaters
- ☐ 8) Westminster Abbey
- ☐ 9) Westminster
- ☐ 10) «Cutty Sark»
- ☐ 11) The Great Fire of London
- ☐ 12) The City
- ☐ 13) East End
- ☐ 14) West End
- ☐ 15) Double-deckers
- ☐ 16) the Greenwich meridian

- A** is an industrial area of London.
- B** is the administrative centre of London.
- C** took place in 1666.
- D** is the name for London underground.
- E** is situated to the west of Westminster.
- F** is a wonderful church built by Christopher Wren.
- G** is the London home of the British sovereign.
- H** is an old beautiful church.
- I** are the seat of the British Parliament.
- J** is the capital of the UK.
- K** is the business centre of London.
- L** are primarily for commuters' transport but open-top models are used as sight-seeing buses for tourists.
- M** is a place where East meets West.
- N** was built more than 900 years ago.
- O** guard the Tower and guide visitors.
- P** was the name of the historic ship that was destroyed by a fire in 2007.