

ROYAL RESIDENCES

Read the text and choose the correct word.

Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle (1) _____ the Palace of Holyroodhouse are these (2) _____ of the Sovereign and, as such, serve as both home and office for the Queen, whose personal flag flies (3) _____ her Majesty is in residence.

These buildings are used extensively for State ceremonies and office and entertaining and are opened to the (4) _____ as much as these commitments allow. They are furnished with fine pictures and works of art from the Royal Collection, assembled over four centuries by successive sovereigns. Many of the State Apartments and rooms at the official residences have been in continuous use since their conception and many of the paintings are (5) _____ in the rooms for which they are shown to visitors reflects their working status. Rooms are kept as close to their normal (6) _____ as possible. Inevitably, opening times are subject to change at short notice depending on circumstances.

The Royal Collection, which is owned by the Queen as Sovereign in trust for her successors and the Nation, is administered by the Royal Collection Trust to which a proportion of the admission fee and other (7) _____ from visitors is directed. The remainder of this money funds the majority of the cost of restoring Windsor Castle which was badly (9) _____ by fire in November 1992.

