

Read the text and complete it with the words.

11th

kings

five

ravens

six

the Thames

The Tower of London



The Tower of London is located on the northern bank of River. It was built in the century. The greatest Tower of London is one of the world's most famous buildings. This building with 900-years history was previously a royal palace, execution place, prison, jewel house, arsenal and even zoo.

In the early days of the history of England the English lived in the Tower. Then it was a prison where many people died. The black live in the gardens of the Tower now. The English people like them very much. A man looks after the ravens and gives them meat in the morning and in the evening. He is called the Ravenmaster. A group of at least ravens are resident at the Tower of London. Their presence is traditionally believed to protect The Crown and the Tower; a superstition holds that "if the Tower of London ravens are lost or fly away, the Crown will fall and Britain with it."

Now the Tower of London is a museum and many people from other countries come to see it. They see the dark stone halls with small windows and thick doors. The walls of the Tower are metres thick. In the museum they can see many old guns. At ten o'clock every evening the guards lock the big doors of the Tower for the night.