

## WHAT IS LONDON?

Speaking about London you should \_\_\_\_\_ that it is unlike any other city in the world. It has wide streets but low \_\_\_\_\_. This city has never been planned and it has many parts which are different from each other.

Modern London is really \_\_\_\_\_ cities: the City of London, a commercial and \_\_\_\_\_ centre, the City of Westminster (the West End) that can be called the \_\_\_\_\_ centre of London with lots of historical places and famous parks, and the City of Southwark (the East End), where \_\_\_\_\_ live.

London stands on the \_\_\_\_\_ river Thames, which runs into the North Sea, so all kinds of ships can come into the \_\_\_\_\_ of London.

There is so much to see in London that even Londoners can always find new places of interest. They like to say, "When a man is tired of London, he is tired of .»

There are nearly 300 places of interest that are worth seeing in London. They range from magnificent National Gallery to Old St Thomas' Operating Theatre, and from ancient Charterhouse to modern Canary Wharf.

Among numerous museums, galleries, churches, parks and gardens there are ten top tourist \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone who arrives to London for the first time should start with St Paul's Cathedral, Hampton Court, Buckingham Palace (Changing of the Guard), the British Museum, the National Gallery, Tussaud's, the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The oldest part of London is Lud Hill, where the city originated. About a mile west of it there is Westminster Palace, where the king lived and the Parliament met, and there is also Westminster Abbey, the coronation \_\_\_\_\_. The British Museum is the largest and richest museum in the world. It was founded in 1753 and \_\_\_\_\_ one of the world's richest collections of antiquities. The Egyptian Galleries contain human and animal \_\_\_\_\_. Madam Tussaud's Museum is an exhibition of hundreds of life-size \_\_\_\_\_ models of famous people of yesterday and today. Here you can meet Marilyn Monroe, Elton John, Picasso, the Royal Family, the Beatles and many others.