1. Read and answer

INSIDE BUCKINGHAM PALACE

THE PALACE

There are two addresses in London that the whole world knows. One is 10 Downing Street, where the Prime Minister lives. The other is Buckingham Palace. This famous palace, first built in 1703, is in the very center of London. It is two places, not one. It is a family house, where children play and grow up. It is also the palace where presidents, kings, and politicians go to meet the Queen.

Buckingham Palace is like a small town, with a police station, two post offices, a hospital, a bar, two sports clubs, a disco, a cinema, and a swimming pool. There are 600 rooms and three miles of red carpet. Two men work full-time to look after the 300 clocks. About 700 people work in the Palace.

THE QUEEN'S DAY

When the Queen gets up in the morning, seven people look after her. One starts her bath, one prepares her clothes, and one feeds the Royal dogs. She has eight or nine dogs, and they sleep in their own bedroom near the Queen's bedroom. Two people bring her breakfast. She has coffee from Harrods, toast, and eggs. Every day for fifteen minutes, a piper plays Scottish music outside her room and the Queen reads The Times. Every Tuesday evening, she meets the Prime Minister. They talk about world news and have a drink, perhaps a gin and tonic or a whisky.

1. Why is Buckingham Palace like a small town?

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2. Where is Buckingham Palace located?

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3. How long has Buckingham Palace existed?

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4. What does the Queen do to be informed about the world news?

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5. The Queen has got eight or nine dogs which sleep in her bedroom. TRUE FALSE