The features of a city

Before watching

1. How well do you know London? Decide with a partner if these sentences are True (T) or False (F).

1. London has a population of around 8 million.
2. Cockney is a district of London.
3. Wimbledon is in the suburbs of London.
4. The London Underground system is the oldest in the World.
5. London has 8 professional football teams.
6. The Houses of Parliament are next to Big Ben.
7. The Olympic Games will take place in London in 2012.
8. The Millennium Wheel is free at the weekends.
9. London used to be called Londinium by the Romans.
10. The main shopping street, Oxford Circus, is closed to cars.

While watching

2. Put the following places in the order they're mentioned on the video.

a. Nelson's Column / Trafalgar Square
b. Big Ben
c. Docklands
d. The Millennium Bridge
e. Piccadilly Circus
f. The London Eye
g. Westminster Abbey
h. St Paul's Cathedral
i. The West End of London
j. Hyde Park
k. Tower Bridge
l. British Museum

3. Complete the sentences with words from the box. Then watch again to see if you were correct.

• landmark • closed • central • monument • fashionable
• exhibits • ceremonies • clock tower • top part

1. Tower Bridge is a famous.....in London. You can walk across the.....of the bridge.
2. Docklands is full of.....and expensive apartments.
3. The Millennium Bridge had to be ..... because of excessive movement.
4. Nelson's Colum is a.....to Admiral Nelson.
5. Trafalgar Square is a.....point in London.
6. The British Museum has 7 million ..... .
7. Big Ben's a well known ..... .
8. They hold.....in Westminster Cathedral.

4. Decide if these sentences are True (T) or False (F). Then watch the video again to check your answers.

1. Tower Bridge opens only once a day.
2. London is visited by 20 million people every year.
3. The Docklands are in West London.
4. The Millennium Bridge was unstable at the beginning.
5. St. Paul's was built at the beginning of the 19th century.
6. Trafalgar Square is named after a famous architect.
7. Westminster Abbey is home to the British parliament.
8. There are 13 big theatres in the West End.
9. Time Out is a special guide to London.
10. The London Eye is a big bicycle wheel.

After watching

5. You and your partner have got a two-day visit to London with a group of friends next month. Using the information in the video and data from the websites www.visitlondon.com and www.londontourist.org, make a plan of activities.

As you have a budget of only € 200, check entry prices so you don't spend too much.
Join up with another pair and compare you two-day plans. Discuss any differences and decide on the best options.

6. Role play a dialogue between you and a friend. Your friend is coming to stay in your home town or a town/ city you know well for a few days. Decide what you want to show him/her and then imagine you are taking the person around explaining things about the various places.

7. Write two columns on a piece of paper and on one side write all the advantages of living in a big city like London. On the other side write down some of the disadvantages of living there. Compare your lists with two classmates.

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