

READING COMPREHENSION

1. Read the following text and write a title for it.

Buckingham Palace is in London. It is the home of the King of England.

Many guards work at the palace every day. Buckingham Palace guards are very serious about their job. They stand for hours in the same position and they never move. These guards wear red coats and big, black hats. The hat they wear is called Bearskin and it weighs 665 grams. Some of the hats are over 100 years old.

Tourists from all over the world visit the palace every day. They like to stand next to the guards for a photograph and they sometimes try to make them talk or laugh. The guards don't stop them because they can't move!

Tourists also visit Buckingham Palace to watch the *Changing of the Guard* ceremony. In the summer, you can see this traditional ceremony every morning between 10.45 and 11.40. At this time, the guards ride their horses in front of the palace gates and then they change places with the guards at the gate. It's a lot of fun to watch.

2. Choose the correct answer:

1. Buckingham Palace is in...
 - a) Paris
 - b) New York
 - c) London
2. The guards stand in the same place for...
 - a) Minutes
 - b) Hours
 - c) Days

3. Palace guards usually wear ... coats.
 - a) Black
 - b) Blue
 - c) Red
4. What is a Bearskin?
 - a) A coat
 - b) A hat
 - c) An animal
5. Tourists try to make the guards...
 - a) Move
 - b) Stop
 - c) Laugh
6. The guards ride their horses...
 - a) Twice a month
 - b) Once a day
 - c) Every hour