

Reading & Listening

1 Look at the title and the pictures. Who are these men? Where do they work? Read through and check.

2 Read the text again. Choose the correct word to complete the gaps. Listen and check.

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| 1 A who | B when |
| 2 A that | B where |
| 3 A that | B who |
| 4 A who | B whose |
| 5 A where | B when |

3 Answer the questions T (true), F (false) or DS (doesn't say). Compare with your partner.

- Beefeaters guard the Tower of London.
- They have been around for over 500 years.
- They don't help tourists.
- They have two uniforms.
- Beefeaters eat lots of meat.

4 Explain the words in bold.

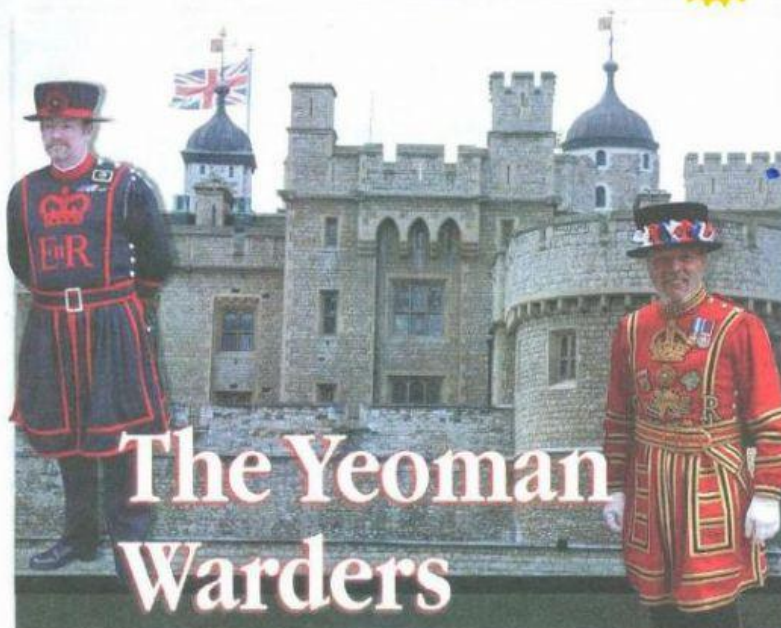
Speaking

5 Close your books. Tell your partner three things you remember about 'Beefeaters'.

What's the story?

6 Write a short story about the Yeoman Warders. Use the words in the box to help you.

• where it is



A trip to London is never complete without a visit to the Tower of London. The site **dates back** to the 11th century and **is guarded** by the Yeoman warders, or 'Beefeaters'.

King Henry VIII first introduced Beefeaters in 1485. 1) he used them as **bodyguards**. Their **duties** included looking after the **prisoners** in the Tower and guarding the Crown Jewels. These days though, their main role is to act as **guides** for the many tourists. 2) visit the Tower every year. They also take care of the eight big black **ravens**. 3) live in the tower.

There are 36 Yeoman Warders at the Tower and they are all men. 4) were in the **armed forces** for 22 years or more. They live in the Tower with their families.

The Beefeaters are most famous for their **striking** red and gold **uniform**, but they actually only wear this on **formal occasions**. Most of the time they wear a dark blue uniform with red trimmings*.

No one is exactly sure. 5) the name 'Beefeater' comes from. One theory says that the warders used to be paid with meat instead of money! Others say that the name comes from the French word *buffetier*. Buffetiers were guards in the palace of French Kings. They protected the King's food.

*piece of material used to decorate clothing