

EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD

Choose the correct word that fits the gap.

The Thames Barrier is a (1) _____ part of the flood defense scheme for protecting London (2) _____ rising water levels. The defenses (3) _____ include raised river embankments and additional flood gates at strategic points, including the Barking Barrier. The (4) _____ structure that is the Barrier spans the 520-metres wide Woolwich reach and (5) _____ of 10 separate movable gates, each pivoting and supported between concrete structures which house the operating machinery.

When raised, the four main gates (6) _____ stand as high as a five-story building and as (7) _____ as the opening of Tower Bridge. Each (8) _____ 3700 tons. During the first twelve years of (9) _____, the Barrier has been closed twenty nine times to protect London.

(10) _____ the Barrier from the comfortable Cafeteria. Picnic on the riverside embankment. Enjoy beautiful views from the riverside walk. Visit the shop which stocks a large selection of souvenirs, books and Barrier information.

There is a children's play (11) _____ suitable for 4- to 12-year olds (12) _____ adjacent to the riverside walk. A visit to the spectacular Thames Barrier is a (13) _____ experience.

