

During our trip to London, we would like to visit...

3.1 Famous London Sights

Task:

On this worksheet you will find some of London's interesting sights.

Read the texts together with your partner.

Underline what you find most interesting in each text.

Read the research questions to find out more about the sight.

Then discuss which sights you would like to explore and why they could be a good idea for your trip.

For each sight, **write** a short text.

Start like this: *We would like to explore.... because..... It could be a good idea for the trip, because there is/there are ¹.....*

Help desk



- A) To understand the texts – use the memory.
- B) You can work together with your partner.
- C) If you would like to begin with an easier text – read the text about Covent Garden or the Natural History Museum.

D) Early finishers: you can do task 3.3

¹ Für den Metakommentar bzw. im Lehrerinput am Anfang: Kriterien bei der Auswahl der sights vorgeben, um entsprechend begründen zu können: Budget, spezielle Aktivitäten für kids, ggf. fachübergreifende Aspekte (z.B. Observatorium), Zeitplanung (vgl. timetable Gruppe 1); optional: Kriterien mit SuS gemeinsam erarbeiten

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Buckingham Palace

Queen Victoria was the first member of the Royal Family to move into this palace, in 1837.

The palace has **over 600 rooms**, a throne room, a very long ball room, a picture gallery and a swimming pool.

The Royal family and their staff live only in one part of the palace.

In the **summer time**, when the Royal family spend their holidays in Scotland, tourists can visit some rooms of the palace.

But most tourists come for the **Changing of the Guards**, an interesting ceremony, which you can see in front of the palace at 11 o'clock every day.

Address: Buckingham Palace

Tube station: Hyde Park Corner or St. James's Park

Tickets: Children 12,30 £ Adults: 21,50 £

Research question:

Inside the palace there are many signs with a lot of text and information on what you can see. But some museums also have **audio guides**, which is like an mp3 player with earphones.

Then you can **listen** to someone who explains what you are seeing.



Find out if the Buckingham Palace has audio tours and how much they cost.

Find out more at: <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/place/427311-buckingham-palace#dQIsRkHjPTL9upwm.97>

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The London Eye

Enjoy a ride on **one of the biggest wheels in the world** and look at London from 135 metres - the highest point of the wheel.

The ride takes about 35 minutes and it isn't cheap but it's worth it.

You can see all sights from high above like St. Paul's Cathedral, the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and many more.

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The London Eye **opened in 2000** and has been one of the greatest tourist attractions ever since.

After the ride you can take a boat trip on River Thames and see the rest of the most famous sights from the riverside too.

Research question: When you board the London Eye, you get to sit or stand in one of the **glass capsules** which the wheel has.



Find out how many capsules the London Eye has.

Tickets: Children 15.75 £ Adults: 22.50 £

Address: Riverside Building, County Hall / Westminster Bridge Road

Tube station: Westminster

Find out more at: <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/place/282783-coca-cola-london-eye#M5W8W0zR6JHjkZPh.97>

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Covent Garden

Covent Garden **was a big fruit and vegetable market** in the middle of London.

Inside there are now small shops, market stalls and restaurants.

You can go shopping, eating and drinking there. It is full of tourists.

It is interesting **to watch street artists** juggling, singing or simply doing funny things.

There are nice shops in the area around Covent Garden, too.

Address: The Market

Tube Station: Covent Garden or Leicester Square

Research Question: When you go shopping here, you will find art, clothes and souvenirs for your family back home. But all of that **costs a lot of money!**



Check if there is a cash machine (ATM) where you can withdraw more money from your bank, if you need it.

(An **ATM** is a “**machine**” where you can withdraw **money** from your **bank**.)

Find out more at: <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/place/4358212-covent-garden#3CPE23K1qEhLQYJb.97>

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The Tower

The Tower is a very **old palace**.

The oldest part is nearly over 1000 years old.

Over the years, people built more parts so the palace became bigger.

The English **kings and queens lived here** until Queen Victoria moved into Buckingham Palace.

Today you can see here Henry's VIII's enormous suit of armour and weapons,

the ravens and the special soldiers who look after the Tower. They are called **Beefeaters**.

But most people come to see the **Crown Jewels**.

But the Tower is famous for its brutal history, too. It was a **place of pain and death**.

Little princes, two kings and three queens died here. For many others the Tower was a prison. Some people say that their ghosts still live in this old castle.

Tickets: Children 10.50 £ Adults: 22.50 £

Address: Tower Hill

Tube Station: Tower Hill

Research question: You are not sure yet when you will be able to visit the Tower. It is possible that it will be a Sunday.



Find out if the Tower is open on Sundays and if so, what is **the latest time for admissions**.

Find out more at: <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/place/22249-hm-tower-of-london#TqJLkYGHVI5TCtxH.97>

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Natural History Museum

You are interested in **dinosaurs**, animals big and small?
Then you must visit the Natural History Museum.

You can come see scary dinosaurs and meet a **T-Rex**.
There is the famous skeleton of a **Diplodocus** in the entrance hall as well.

You can also see all sorts of animals like the model of a blue **whale** and the skeleton of a sperm whale.

You can even look inside the human body and check on the powers within the earth.

The museum is for free.

Address: Cromwell Road

Tube Station: South Kensington or Gloucester Road

Research question: What can you see in the Darwin Centre Cocoon?



Find out more at: <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/place/427179-natural-history-museum#Wlk6DbhRS6M4hjD5.97>

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British Museum

If you love history, this is where you should go.

It's England's biggest museum and one of the oldest and finest in the world.

You can see old works of art and parts of temples.

It is one of London's most visited attractions. Over six million visitors come each year.

Most people want to see the **real mummies** and **the Rosetta Stone** which helped to read old Egyptian hieroglyphics.

The museum is so big that you have to think of what you want to see.

But you can come as often as you want because **the museum doesn't cost any money**.

Address: British Museum, Great Russell Street

Tube Station: Tottenham Court Road

Research question: There is so much to see, it could take you hours.

In case you get hungry, it is important to have a place to get some lunch.



Find out if the museum has a restaurant, café or cafeteria.

Find out more at: <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/place/285709-british-museum#fBAIDFa3SwgAoSo4.99>

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Madame Tussauds

Meet the stars at Madame Tussauds – as **wax figures**.
Madame Tussauds took wax masks from dead people.
In 1803 she came to London and her show of 30 masks was a big success.

For the first time everybody could see the faces of famous people because at that time there was no TV or Internet. In 1884 she showed her figures at the place you can still visit in Marylebone Road.

Today over 50 figures are produced every year. **It takes up to six months to make a figure.**

At Madame Tussauds you can see the most famous film stars, pop stars, comic characters and sports people of the world in their original clothes and take a selfie with them.

Visit the **scary Chamber** of Horrors and Screams if you dare.

Tickets: Children 25.00 £ Adults: 31.00 £

Address: Marylebone Road

Tube station: Baker Street

Research question: This sight sounds really interesting and a lot of fun, but it is not really cheap. Maybe there is a possibility to pay less.



Check the website to find out how you can save some money!

Find out more at: <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/place/284875-madame-tussauds-london#TeZG5cGvhk1htfDv.97>

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3.2: London Sights Memory

Task: Play the memory.

These are the rules:

Play memory together:

First mix the cards.

Put them all on the table, face down.

Take turns and turn over two cards.

If the cards match, you can keep them and go again.

If not, it's the other person's turn.

Hint: There is always one picture and one text of a sight.

for early finishers:

Research two more sights on the internet and create two more memory cards. Remember that you must put the picture on one card and the text on another card. Here are some ideas to help you:

Tower Bridge, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, and the British History Museum. Have fun!