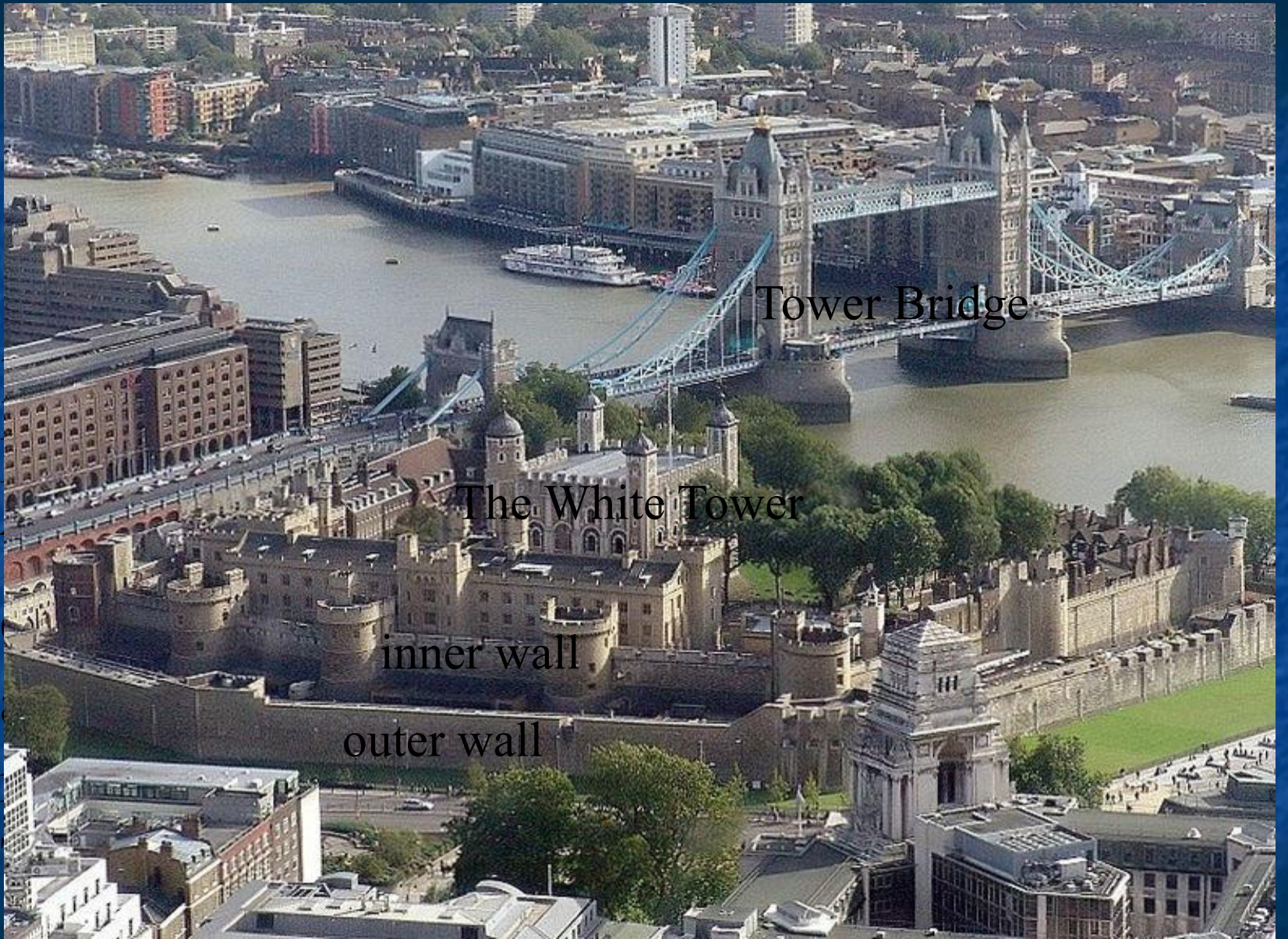


# The Tower of London

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Tower Bridge

The White Tower

inner wall

outer wall



# History

In 1078, William the Conqueror built the first part of the Tower, the White Tower, as a fortress. Over the centuries, other kings and queens built smaller towers and walls around it. They used the Tower as a palace or prison, surrounded by massive defensive walls. Prisoners usually arrived by boat.





Several kings and famous people were killed in the Tower of London, among them two wives of Henry VIII. Two little princes, Edward and his brother Richard, disappeared in the Tower Elizabeth I was held prisoner in the Tower for two months by the order of her half sister, Queen Mary.



# Guards

- Yeoman Warders
- Beefeaters
- They are known for their uniforms.
- Beefeaters used to guard the Tower and its prison. Today, they work mostly as guides.



# The Ceremony of the Keys

Every night for the last 700 years the Tower has been locked up in the Ceremony of the Keys. At 9:53 p. m. the Chief Warder of the Tower goes with his Escort to lock the gates. When they return to the Bloody Tower, they are stopped and asked:

"Who goes there?"

"The Keys."

"Whose Keys?"

"Queen Elizabeth's Keys."

"Pass Queen Elizabeth's Keys. All's well."





# The Legend of The Ravens



Beefeaters are also responsible for the Tower's ravens - black birds which must always live in the fortress on the banks of the Thames. The legend says that if the ravens ever leave the Tower, it will fall and the Kingdom will fall too.



# The Crown Jewels



The Crown Jewels are kept in the Tower of London, in the Jewel House.



# Tower Bridge



Tower Bridge is the most famous bridge in London. It was opened in 1894.

# Fill in: is, are, was, were

1. The Tower of London .....**is** located in the East End of London.
2. It .....**is** known as a famous landmark, museum and fortress.
3. The Crown Jewels .....**are** housed there.
4. The oldest building, the White Tower, .....**was** built by William the Conqueror in the 11<sup>th</sup> century.
5. The Tower of London ....**was** used as a prison for many years.
6. Many people ...**were** executed in the Tower.
7. The Tower .....**is** guarded by the Yeoman Warders.
8. They ....**are** also called Beefeaters.