

# THE SIGHTS OF GREAT BRITAIN

Teacher's  
presentation

**WHY IS GREAT BRITAIN  
WORTH SEEING?**



## Trafalgar Square

London is famous for ancient and historical buildings. A starting point for tours of London is Trafalgar Square. The main feature of the Square is Nelson's Column with the figure of the great seaman on the top. Four bronze lions look from the monument. There are 2 beautiful fountains in the square. Just behind it is the National Gallery where there is one of the finest collections of pictures in the world



## Buckingham Palace

Not far from Trafalgar Square is Piccadilly Circus, one of the most famous streets of London. It is the meeting point of six streets. On your way to Buckingham Palace you'll pass Hyde Park, the largest in the city. It is one of the most popular places for Londoners on hot summer days. Here in this park is the so-called Speaker's Corner where anyone can stand up and say what they want. Buckingham Palace is the London home of the Queen. When the flag is flying on the top she is at home. It is a wonderful building with the monument called the Queen Victoria Memorial in front of it.



## THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT AND BIG BEN

Also London's most famous sights are the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. The Houses of Parliament is the seat of the British Government. This long grey building with towers is an outstanding example of nineteenth-century Gothic Revival architecture. There is Big Ben. It is one of the most famous clocks in the world. Big Ben is the name of the clock and the bell of the clock towers. You can hear the sound of Big Ben every hour in London.



## WESTMINSTER ABBEY

They say the 3 most famous buildings in England are Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London and St. Paul's Cathedral. Westminster Abbey is a fine Gothic building, which stands opposite the Houses of Parliament. It was founded by Edward the Confessor more than 900 years ago, but it is work of many hands and different ages. The Abbey with its two tall towers is really wonderful. It is a royal church. Here you can see the magnificent tombs of many British kings and queens and Poet's Corner, where many of the greatest writers are buried. One of the glories of the Abby is the Chapel of Henry VII that is so wonderfully cut and sculptured, it seems unreal.



## THE TOWER OF LONDON

When you are crossing Tower Bridge over the river Thames, you can see the Tower of London. It is the oldest palace, fortress and prison in Europe. It is one of the most popular museums now. There are a lot of interesting collections in the Tower of London, even the Crown Jewels. The great central tower, the White Tower, was built in the 11<sup>th</sup> century by William the Conqueror, but each monarch left some kind of personal mark on it. Its square walls are white and very tall. The ravens are another famous sight. The legend says that without them the Tower will fall. That is why the birds are carefully guarded. The Tower's guardians are the Yeomen Warders who wear splendid scarlet and gold uniform.



## ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The second famous church is St. Paul's Cathedral. It is the greatest work of the famous architect Sir Christopher Wren in 1675. It took him 35 years. It is said to be one of the finest pieces of architecture in Europe. It is a beautiful building with many columns and towers. There is one of the largest bells in the world. From far away you can see the huge dome with a golden ball and cross on the top. The interior of the Cathedral is very beautiful. It is full of monuments.





**WELCOME TO  
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AMAZING SIGHTS!**