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Madame
Tussauds



Madame Tussauds is a museum and tourist attraction located in central London, housed in the former London planetarium.



In the Madame Tussauds Museum more than 400 wax figures, or portraits, how they are called by museum workers, are exhibited. They look like alive and it is even difficult to the visitors to believe they are not alive.



Every year this world famous museum is visited by 2.5 million people. They are attracted by the chance of standing next to the stars who they would never meet in real life. You are allowed to touch the artworks in this museum!

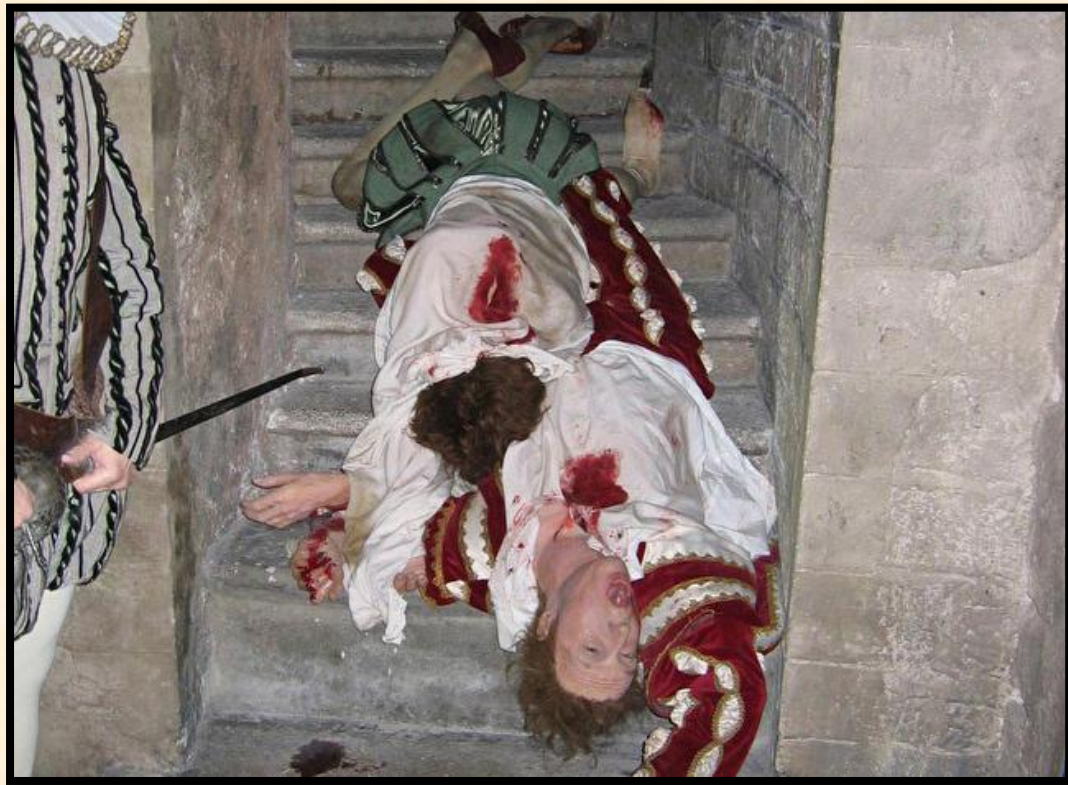


The Self Portrait: Madame Tussauds.

Madame Tussauds was the artist who lived in Europe more than 200 years ago. At the time of French revolution she was told to go to cemetery and take the wax masks of the chopped heads of the royal family members.

This terrible order helped her to find the business of her life. She made so many wax figures that she took her to different cities of Britain to show people. Later her sons founded the permanent exposition in London in the same building where it is today.



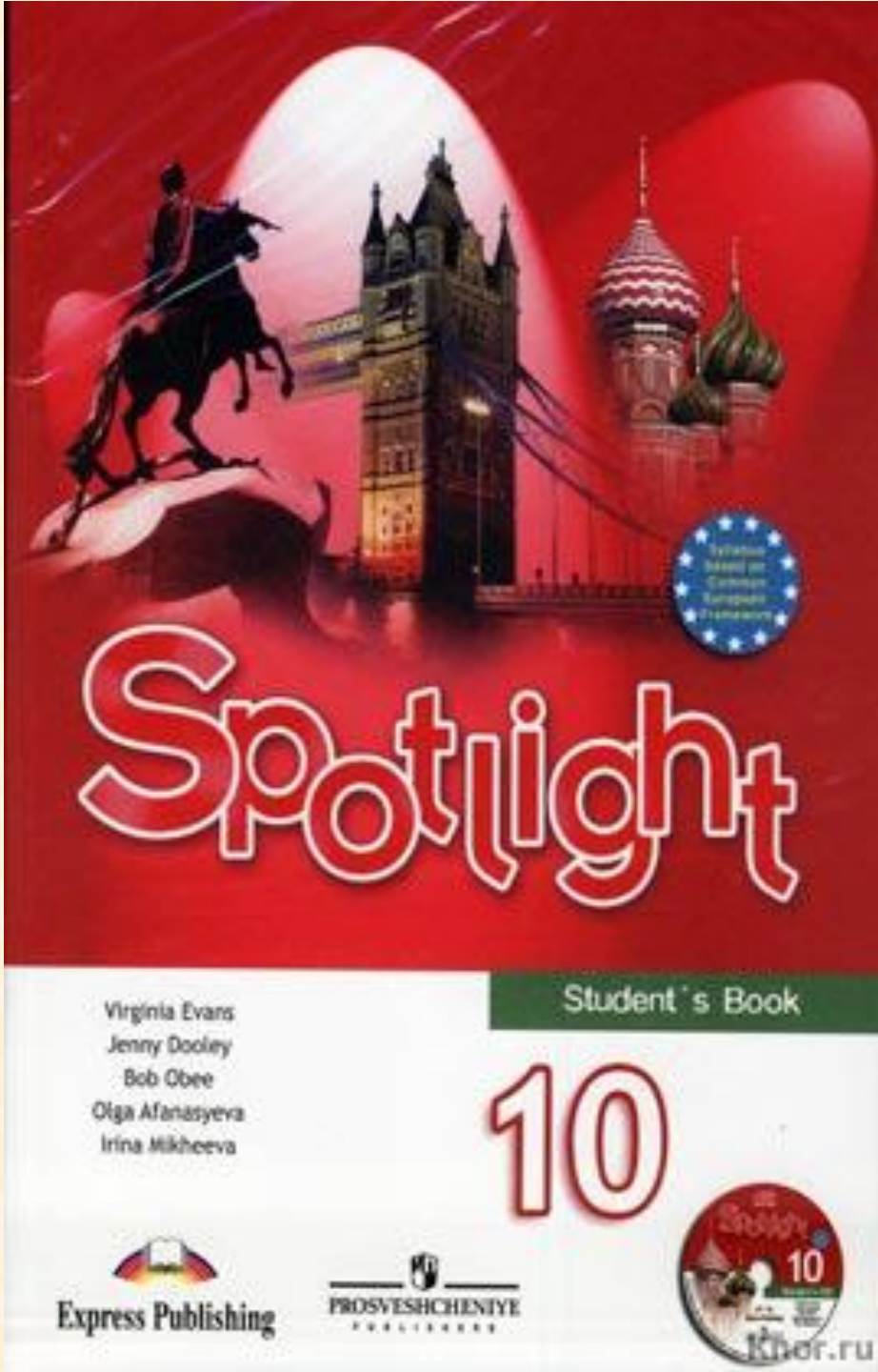


However, the atmosphere is not always cheerful in the museum. In the “horror room” one can meet the villains, serial murderers, executioners and their victims. This is journey to the terrifying and bloody history of 5 centuries



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The whole secret of the terrifying atmosphere of this room consist of the special effects. Among them are the sound, lighting and many other tricks.



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Use the words in brackets (1-10) in the correct form to complete the gaps.

Keys

1. Pulling
2. Famous
3. Has
4. Working
5. Unable
6. Attraction



Homework

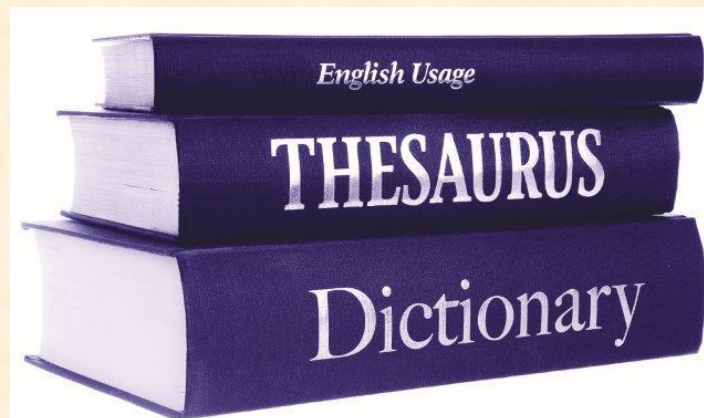
Answer the questions

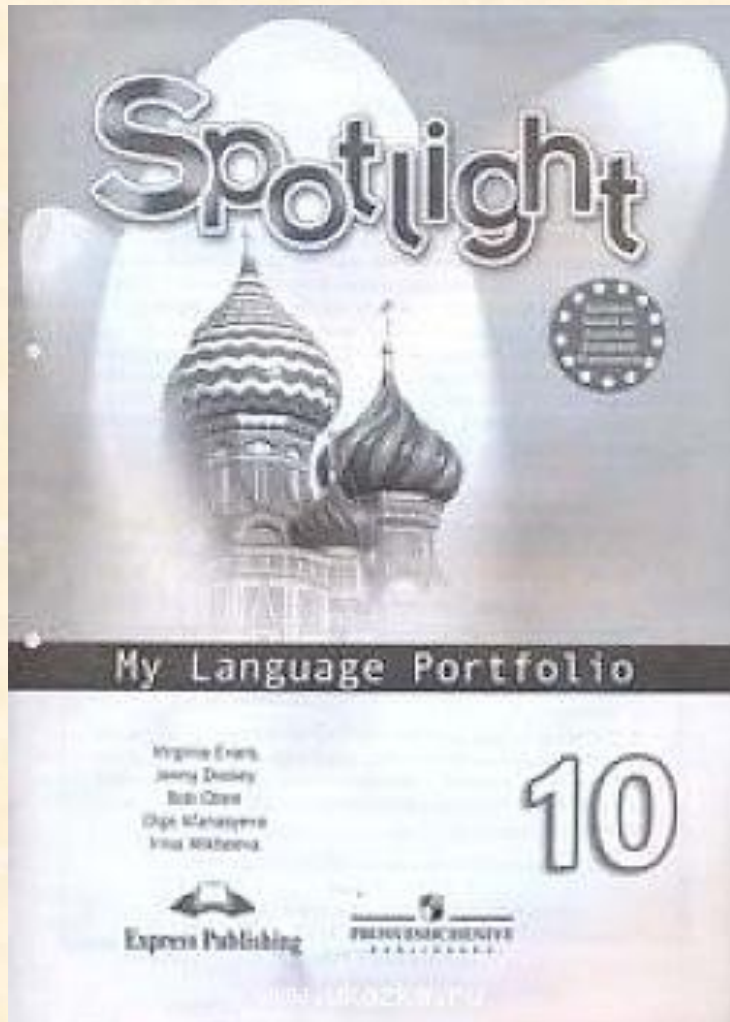


- Where's Madame Tussauds?
- What can you see there?
- When/How it started?

Complete the sentences with *famous* or *popular*.

1. Chocolate is very with children.
2. David Beckham is a English footballer.
3. Leonardo Da Vinci, the Artist, was left-handed.
4. Igor is very with his classmates.





Portfolio

Make a similar article for an attraction in your country.

Write : its name, location, what someone can see/ do there, how it started. End your article with a recommendation.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
ATTENTION**