## Let's explore London

London is the capital city of England and the United Kingdom.

London is a very busy place and more than 8.9 million people live there. It is the biggest city in western Europe.



The River Thames flows through London. It is one of the largest rivers in England. The longest river in England is the River Severn.

The Shard is the tallest building in London, it is 310 metres tall.

London is formed by two cities - the City of London and City of Westminster.



London has many bridges that cross the River Thames. Tower Bridge is probably the most famous bridge in London. The bridge was officially opened on 30 June 1894.

The Tower of London was once used as a prison. Many famous prisoners were held there, such as Anne Boleyn and Guy Fawkes.

Today, it is guarded by wardens called Beefeaters and is home to the Crown Jewels.

The people who keep the country running meet at the Houses of Parliament in London.

There are many fun things to do in London. One of the most popular things to see is Buckingham Palace where the Queen lives.



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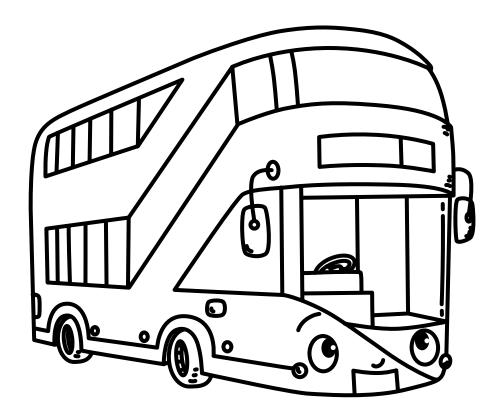
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prison	Jewels	England	Queen	Tower

Fill in the missing words to the sentences below. Use the word bank to help you.

- 1. London is the capital city of \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. London is a very \_\_\_\_\_ place.
- 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ lives in Buckingham Palace.
- 4. London is the biggest city in western \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. The River \_\_\_\_\_ flows through London.
- 6. More than 8.9 \_\_\_\_\_ people live in London.
- 7. London's most famous bridge is \_\_\_\_\_\_ Bridge.
- 8. The Tower of London was once used as a \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. The Crown \_\_\_\_\_ are kept in the Tower of London.
- 10. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the tallest building in London.

Colour the picture below.



Did you know that London's buses carry around 6.5m passengers a day?