Before Reading

BEFORE READING ACTIVITIES (PAGE 44)

ACTIVITY 1  BEFORE READING
a  The Eiffel Tower
b  The Parthenon
c  The Houses of Parliament
d  Buckingham Palace
e  The White House
f  The Kremlin

ACTIVITY 2  BEFORE READING
Encourage students to speculate about all the questions, but don't tell them the answers at this stage. In fact students will find 2 of the places in London: The Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace

While Reading

CHAPTER 1  WHILE READING
Help students to determine which is the first sentence, and then let them work through the rest themselves.
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CHAPTER 2  WHILE READING
1  T
2  F: When you visit the Queen’s Gallery you can see the Queen’s paintings.
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4  T
5  F: The big parade called the Trooping of the Colour is on the Queen’s birthday in June.
6  F: When the Queen goes to open Parliament, she rides in a wonderful coach.

CHAPTER 3  WHILE READING
1  The City is busy during the week.
2  The Tower of London is the oldest building in the City.
3  Queen Elizabeth the First was once a prisoner in the Tower of London.
4  The dome of St Paul’s Cathedral is the biggest in Britain.
5  Great Tom rings when a king dies.
6  At the Monument people remember the year of the Great Fire.

CHAPTERS 4 AND 5  WHILE READING
1  Who...? The British prime minister.
2  What...? Tall trees and a statue of Sir Winston Churchill.
3  What...? It was on television.
4  What...? It is the bell in the clock tower.
5  What...? They have big fires and fireworks, and they often burn a figure of Guy Fawkes.
6  Who....? William Shakespeare.
7  What...? 20th and 21st century art.
8  Why...? Because there are good views of London and the river.
9  What...? You can travel in the capsules on the big wheel for 30 minutes.
10  What...? The tower at One Canada Square.
11  What...? The ten big gates on the barrier come up and stop the water.

CHAPTERS 6 AND 7  WHILE READING
1  In Hyde Park you can take a boat out on the Serpentine.
2  People remember Diana, Princess of Wales, at the playground in Kensington Gardens.
3  You can see animals from all over the world at the zoo in Regent’s Park.
4  The bones of the world’s biggest animal are in the Natural History Museum.
5  In the Sherlock Holmes stories the famous detective lives at 221b Baker Street.
6  The National Portrait Gallery is full of pictures of famous people.
7  Tate Britain has paintings by Constable and Turner.
8  Half a million people visit the London Dungeon every year.

CHAPTERS 8, 9, AND 10  WHILE READING
1  The Mousetrap began more than fifty years ago.
2  They go to dance and listen to music.
3  You can see a game of cricket.
4  The London Marathon finishes in Westminster.
5  London’s most famous shop is Harrods.
6  Charing Cross Road is a good place to look for books.
7  Petticoat Lane market and Old Spitalfields market have cheap clothes.
8  People enjoy Afternoon tea at the Ritz.
9  London’s famous buses are red.
10  Taxi drivers need to know 25,000 streets.
After Reading

ACTIVITY 1  AFTER READING
Hello from London!
I arrived here on Thursday. What a wonderful city! On Saturday we saw the Trooping of the Colour. It’s a big parade for the Queen’s birthday. We saw her go past in a beautiful coach.
On Monday we went to the River Thames. We walked across the Millennium Bridge to Tate Modern and went to look at the paintings. We had a ride in the London Eye. The weather was good, so we could see Hyde Park, Saint Paul’s Cathedral, and a lot of other places.
Now it’s time for some shopping. Tomorrow I’m going to Knightsbridge, because I want to visit Harrods. After that I’m going to the Ritz to have afternoon tea – it’s a very English thing to do!
See you soon
Alice

ACTIVITY 2  AFTER READING

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1 Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre, next to the River Thames.
2 Shakespeare’s plays.
3 1997.

ACTIVITY 3  AFTER READING
The picture goes on page 18 or 19.
1 In the London Eye.
2 Open answer.
3 Open answer.
Possible caption: A view from the London Eye.

ACTIVITY 4  AFTER READING
Open answers.

ACTIVITY 5  AFTER READING
Open answers.

ACTIVITY 6  AFTER READING
Open answers.