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**Welcome to London**

*Camps4you is taking you on a virtual tour through London. Before you watch the DVD think about everything you know about this city and make notes. Compare your notes with your neighbour's notes. Then start your virtual sightseeing tour and write down the names of the sights and places you visit.*

**Listening Comprehension**

**1) Listen to the interviews with Damian and then try to answer the questions:**

*Where did Damian live before he moved to London?*

*How does Damian describe the tube?*

*How did Damian feel when he visited Buckingham Palace?*

*Why did the Queen look different when Damian saw her in Buckingham Palace?*

*What is the strangest thing about Buckingham Palace in Damian's opinion?*

**2) Listen to your tour guide Margot and fill in the missing words.**

*"This is St. Paul's Cathedral. St. Paul's Cathedral is the .....largest cathedral in Europe. During the Great Fire of London in ..... this 13th century site burnt to the ground. The church you can see here today was built between ..... and ....."*

*"Welcome to Covent Garden. The ..... I'm in right now was erected by John Duke of Bedford in 1830. Nowadays Covent Garden is a very ..... place full of street ..... and street musicians."*

*"Hello again, this is Leicester Square. Leicester Square is close to....., ..... and ..... And with all its pubs, bars, restaurants, clubs, theatres, it's one of the centres for ..... in London."*

*"Even though the weather is very ..... right now we made our way to Trafalgar Square. Many ..... and celebrations are held here. Perhaps one of the best known is the gathering on New Year's Eve where thousands of people come here to ....."*

*"We took the ..... and here we are. Welcome to Tower Bridge. This is a very beautiful and very famous bridge. It also ..... in the centre to let tall ships through. In former times it opened ..... times a month. Nowadays it's only 400 times a year."*



**Discussion topic**

Read through the article and answer the questions below.

**Melting-pot London**

London is the capital of Great Britain. It is one of the biggest cities in the world and has about 8 million inhabitants. Not all of them are British by origin. You can meet people from former British colonies and many other countries. This creates a very multicultural atmosphere in London. Londoners are used to living side by side with people with different traditions and of different backgrounds. Sometimes these differences are the reason for misunderstandings and in a few cases they lead to violent actions. But most of the time the inhabitants of London live peacefully next to each other. When you come to London for a visit you can enjoy the great variety of restaurants, bars and cultural institutions.

Do you know some of the former British colonies? List them.

How many inhabitants does your hometown have?

In Austria there also live people from other countries. Where are they mostly from?

Why do you think it causes problems when people from different countries with different backgrounds live close to each other?

How could these problems be solved?

**Fill in the correct preposition.**

A journey.....(in/by/at/on) the tube is quick and easy.

The Metropolitan line is the oldest underground line.....(at/in/from/over) the world.

From the top.....(at/in/on/of) a red bus you get a good view.

Visit an information centre to find out.....(from/over/about/to) special travel tickets.

People come to London.....(in/of/at/from) all over the world.

You can buy everything at Harrods - .....a pin.....(from-till/from-to/near-to/from-of) an elephant.

Petticoat Lane is.....(on/in/over/above) the east side of London.

The market is very busy.....(to/at/near/on) Saturdays.

The Olde Wine Shade, a famous pub, is.....(in/on/near/under) London Bridge.

Many young people enjoy eating.....(at/by/from/to) hamburger restaurants.

**Essay writing**

Imagine you were part of the Royal Family. The public is very interested in your life and the paparazzi are observing your steps closely all day long. What would a normal day in your royal life be like and how would you deal with the paparazzi?