



Welcome to London

Camps4you is going to take you on a virtual tour through London. Before you start the tour think about everything you know about London. Take notes and compare them with your neighbour's notes. While watching the DVD write down the names of the sights and places you visit and all associations that come to your mind.

Listening Comprehension

1) Listen to the interviews with Damion, Nick and Serena and then try to answer the following questions:

What is the underground called in London?

What is the underground like in summer?

What's the strangest thing about Buckingham Palace in Damion's opinion and why?

What does Serena dislike about London?

How can you find out what's happening in London?

Where can you find lots of artists?

How many times a month did the Tower Bridge open in former days?

2) Listen to the interview with Damian about Buckingham Palace and fill in the missing words.

I walked through into Buckingham Palace and it just felt like being in my Granny's house. It was like lots of and on the walls and that sort of things and lots of mirrors, big mirrors. And then I realised all the gold, whereas in my Granny's house it's, it's real. And there is lots of and we sat there and watched the Queen come out and she spent giving lots of awards to people and then I realised that she looked different and I couldn't figure out why. And then I realised that she wasn't wearing and because she was indoors she wasn't wearing And it was exactly like we were in her house and she just, you know, had a cup of tea, came out, spoke to us,and then left.

Imagine you are a member of the Royal Family and live in Buckingham Palace. What would your room look like? What would your daily routine be like?

Read through the article and answer the questions below.

An "underclass" in Britain

For years both Charles Murray of the American Enterprise Institute and the former editor of The Sunday Times, Neil Andrew, have pointed out the emergence of a new underclass. Murray has warned of a range of conditions in Britain associated with the growth of a class of violent, unsocialised people who, if they become sufficiently numerous, will fundamentally degrade the life of society'. Murray also mentions the increasing proportion of children born out of wedlock (40%!), the rise of violent crime and a dramatic increase (50%) of young aged between 18 and 24 not in work in the past ten years. For the first time politics in Britain has acknowledged the existence of Britain's underclass and Jack Straw, the home secretary, is about to act. It remains to be seen if anything can be done at all.

You can find a social stratification in every society. In your opinion, how many social classes are there in Austria and how would you name them?

What do you think are the reasons for the emergence of the new underclass in Britain?

Think about strategies to create places of work. What would you do first?
What incidents can lead to being poor and unemployed?

Education is very important for one's future. In Britain the annual fees for private schools that provide excellent education are mostly extraordinarily high. And in most African countries children have to pay tuition fees from the first grade on.

What do you think about "Free access to education for everybody"?

If nobody had to pay for schools and universities - would the situation in Britain be different?

Internet activity

Go to: www.royal.gov.uk/palaces/index.htm

- The reign of Henry VIII was dominated by two very important issues. Please name them and discuss their impacts on the future!
- Who is the Prince of Wales? What can you find out about this title?
- Balmoral Castle is the private residence of Queen Elizabeth II. The history of Balmoral Castle starts with Queen Victoria in the 19th century. What was her reign like?
- Imagine you are planning to live in London for a while after you have finished school.

To earn some money you'd like to work for the Royal Household. Read through the details for the recruitment procedure and write a short essay why the recruitment assistant should choose YOU!