

The Tower is one of London's most popular sights. It is close to the Thames. The history of this old castle goes back to William the Conqueror (who invaded England in 1066). The Tower has served as a fortress, a royal residence and a prison. It is nowadays a museum. Thousands of tourists come daily. Everybody wants to see the Crown jewels. The Tower is not only one tower. It consists of several individual buildings. The best-known are the White Tower and the Bloody Tower, in which many people were imprisoned before they were executed. There are strong walls around the Tower.



The Tower is guarded by the so-called „Beefeaters“. They wear old-fashioned uniforms. One of the Beefeaters is responsible for the ravens, which have been kept in the Tower for ages. There is a legend that the British Empire will fall if the ravens should leave the tower. Today the Empire no longer exists and yet the ravens are all in excellent health.

sight: monument
close by: près de
invade: envahir

nowadays: de nos jours
several: plusieurs
old-fashioned: démodé

raven: corbeau
yet: cependant
health: santé

Translate:

1. La Tour est un monument populaire.
2. William le Conquérant envahit l'Angleterre en 1066.

3. La Tour servait de prison.
4. Des milliers de touristes viennent quotidiennement.
5. Ils veulent voir les Bijoux de la Couronne.
6. Il y a de solides murs autour de la Tour.
7. Il est responsable des corbeaux.
8. Ils portent des uniformes démodés.
9. Les corbeaux ne quittent pas la Tour.
10. L'Empire Britannique n'existe plus.



SIGHTS OF LONDON: Sort out what is in London and what is not.

Tower ✓
~~Empire State Building~~
 Tower Bridge
 Eiffel Tower
 Big Ben
 Disneyland
 Golden Gate Bridge
 Buckingham Palace

The White House
 Cable Car
 Westminster Abbey
 The Kremlin
 Piccadilly Circus
 Madame Tussaud's
 The Little Mermaid
 Time Square

Chinatown
 Hyde Park
 Prater
 Lincoln Memorial
 St Paul's Cathedral
 Trafalgar Square
 Sunset Boulevard