

Images from London

1 Pre-reading

Prova a rispondere a queste domande.

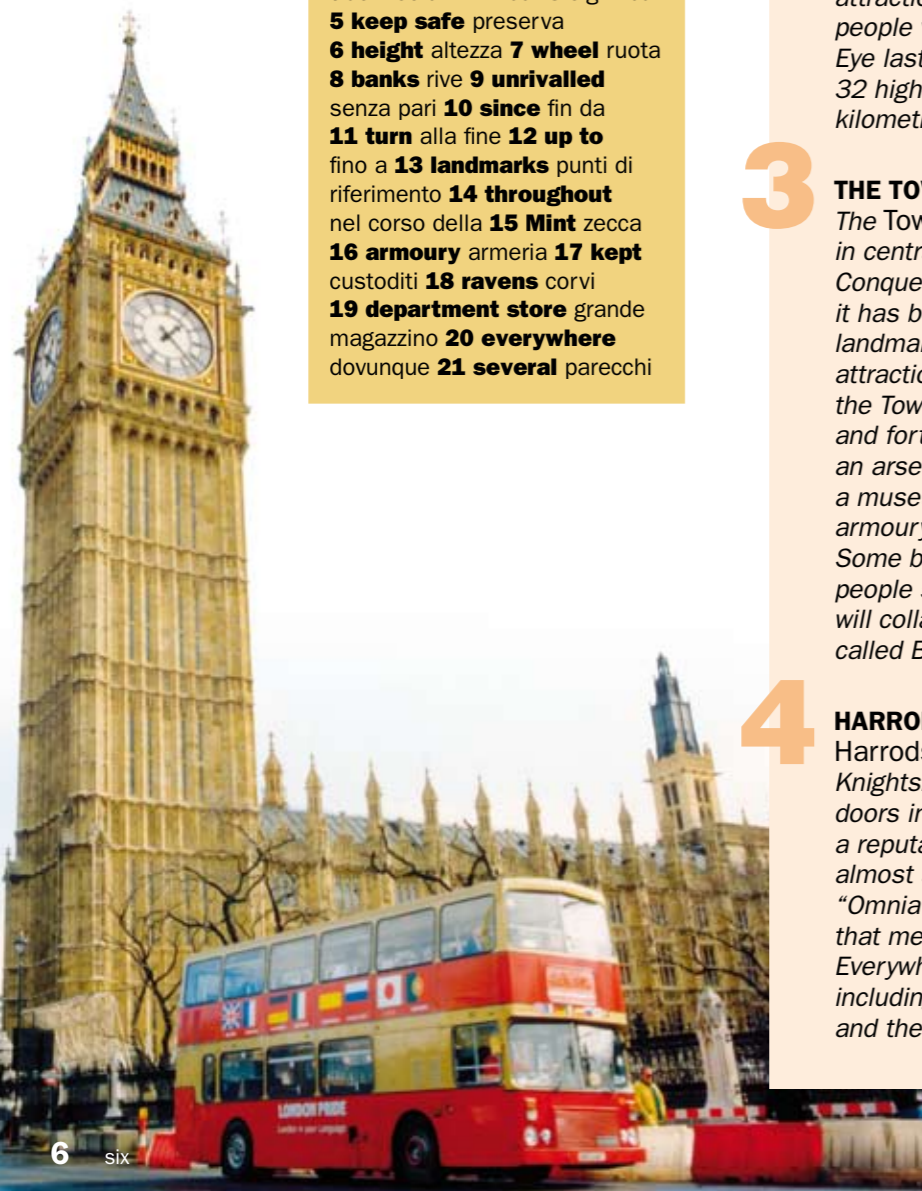
1. What is Big Ben?
2. Where can visitors get an amazing view of London?
3. Who are the Beefeaters?
4. Do you know what Harrods is?

2 Reading

Ora leggi e controlla le tue risposte.

Glossary

1 four-faced clock orologio a quattro quadranti **2 overseas** oltremare **3 broadcasts** trasmissioni **4 means** significa **5 keep safe** preserva **6 height** altezza **7 wheel** ruota **8 banks** rive **9 unrivalled** senza pari **10 since** fin da **11 turn** alla fine **12 up to** fino a **13 landmarks** punti di riferimento **14 throughout** nel corso della **15 Mint** zecca **16 armoury** armeria **17 kept** custoditi **18 ravens** corvi **19 department store** grande magazzino **20 everywhere** dovunque **21 several** parecchi



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BIG BEN

Big Ben is the world's most famous four-faced clock¹. Its sound is heard all over the United Kingdom and overseas² through BBC broadcasts³. It is at the north-eastern end of the Houses of Parliament in Westminster. At the base of each clock face is the Latin inscription "Domine salvam fac reginam Victoriam nostram primam" which means⁴ "Oh Lord, keep safe⁵ our queen Victoria the First".

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THE LONDON EYE

The London Eye, 135m in height⁶, is the world's tallest observation wheel⁷. It is on the banks⁸ of the river Thames and offers unrivalled⁹ views of London in all directions. Since¹⁰ opening at the turn¹¹ of the millennium, it has become the most popular attraction for UK visitors, with about 10,000 people visiting it every day. The trip on the Eye lasts 30 minutes. Passengers travel in 32 high-tech capsules and can see up to¹² 40 kilometres.

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THE TOWER OF LONDON

The Tower of London is a historic monument in central London. It was started by William the Conqueror in the 11th century. For centuries it has been one of the most prominent landmarks¹³ and a world-famous visitor attraction. Throughout¹⁴ its long history, the Tower has been used as a royal palace and fortress, prison and place of execution, an arsenal and a Royal Mint¹⁵. Now it is a museum, where among other things, an armoury¹⁶ and the Crown Jewels are kept¹⁷. Some black ravens¹⁸ live in the Tower, and people say that if they disappear the building will collapse. The custodians of the Tower are called Beefeaters.

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HARRODS

Harrods is a department store¹⁹ in Knightsbridge, London. Since it opened its doors in 1849, Harrods has always had a reputation for excellence. You can buy almost anything at Harrods. Its motto is "Omnia Omnibus Ubique", a Latin expression that means "All things for All People, Everywhere²⁰". Several²¹ of its departments, including the seasonal Christmas department and the Food Hall, are world-famous.

3 Writing

Leggi di nuovo e scrivi una frase per ognuna di queste foto.



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4 Reading comprehension

Indica se queste frasi sono vere (True) oppure false (False). Poi correggi le frasi false.

1. Big Ben was dedicated to the BBC.
2. The London Eye is far from the river Thames.
3. William the Conqueror began to build the Tower of London.
4. The Tower of London is a prison.
5. Lots of tourists visit the London Eye.
6. You can shop at Harrods.
7. You can see the Crown Jewels in the Houses of Parliament.
8. Harrods is well known for its Food Hall.

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