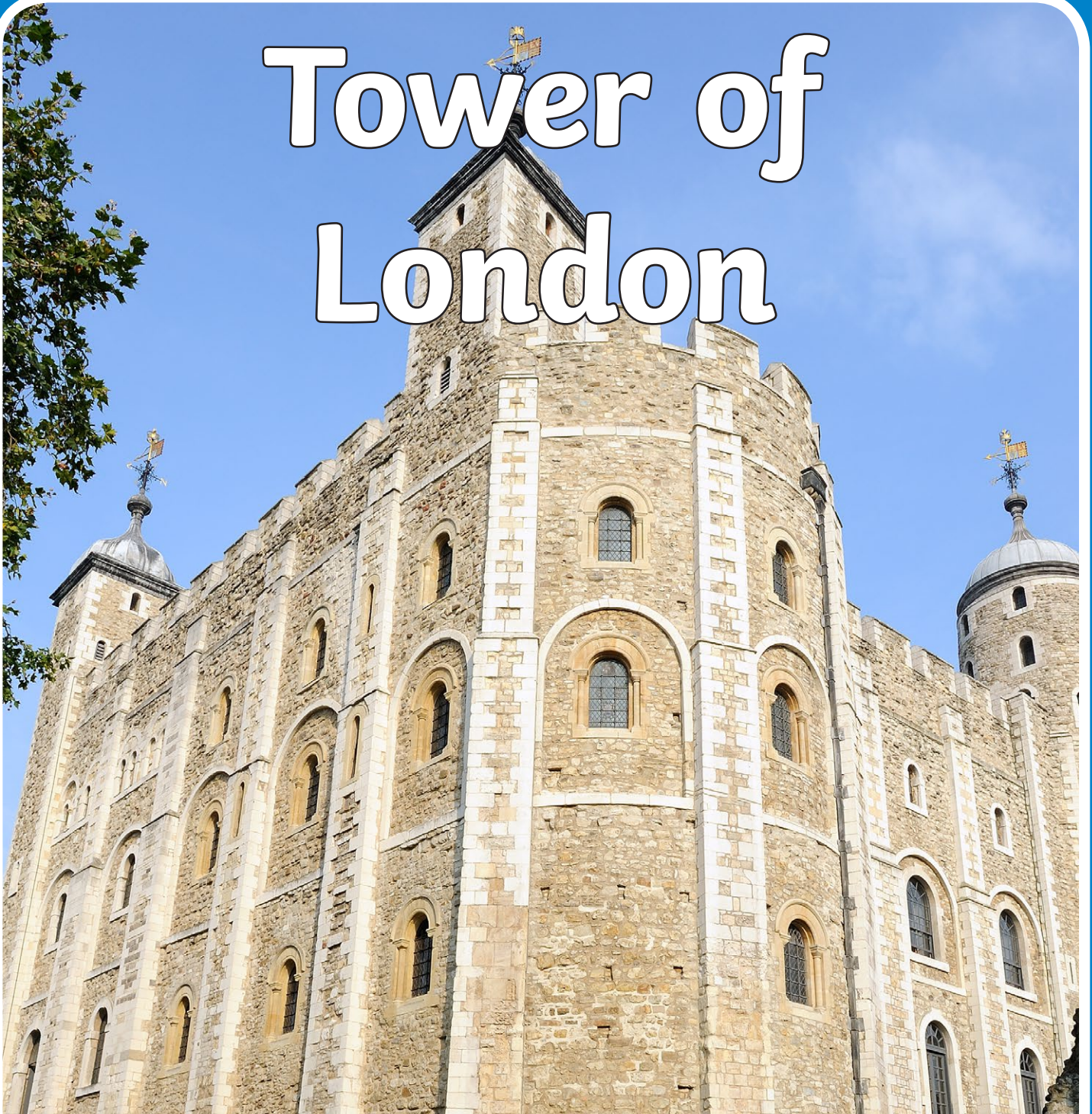


# Tower of London



The Tower of London is on the north bank of the River Thames in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. During the Tudor era, the tower became a place to house famous prisoners such as Guy Fawkes, Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard.



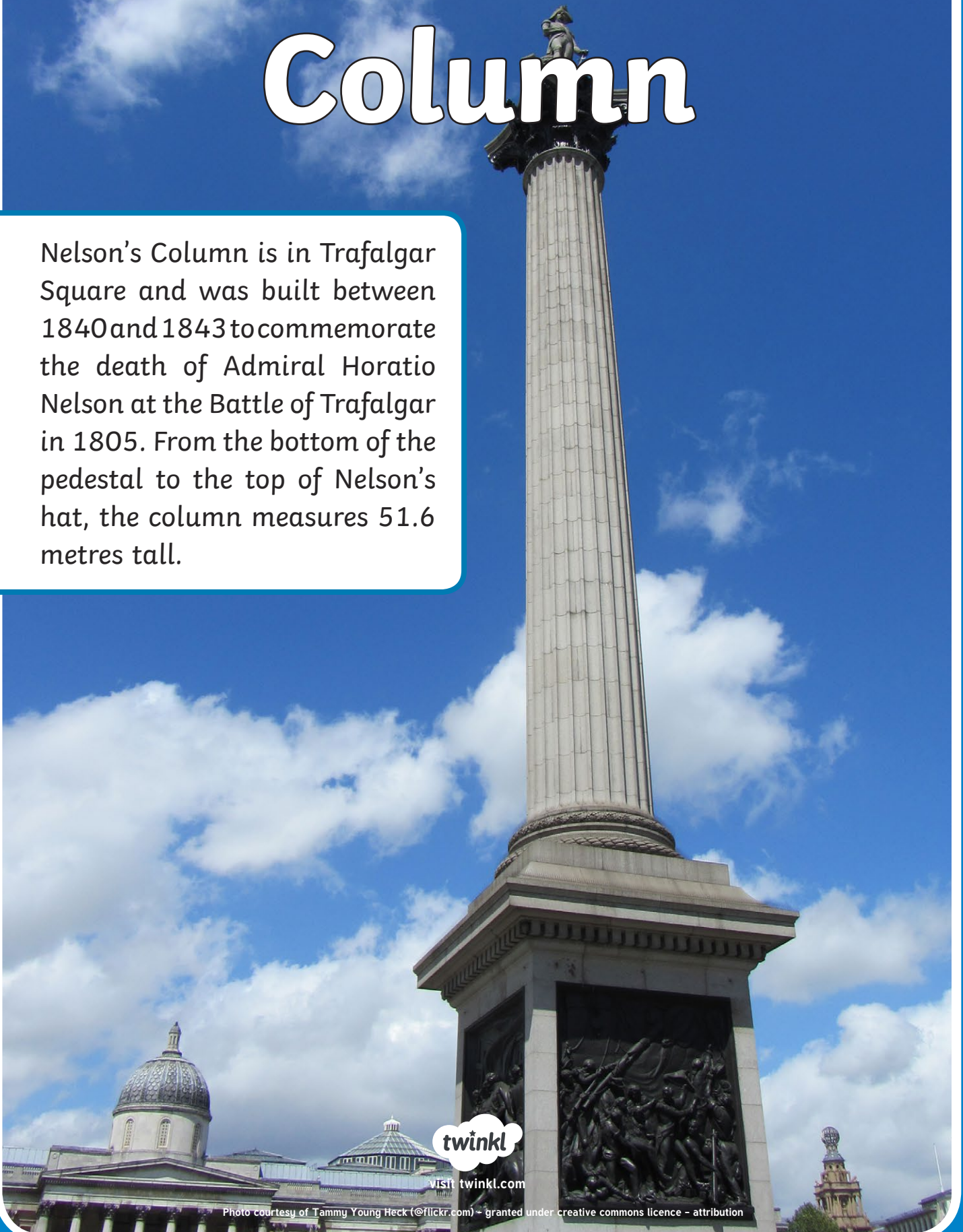
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# Nelson's Column

Nelson's Column is in Trafalgar Square and was built between 1840 and 1843 to commemorate the death of Admiral Horatio Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. From the bottom of the pedestal to the top of Nelson's hat, the column measures 51.6 metres tall.



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# Canary Wharf

Canary Wharf is on the east side of London in the financial district on the Isle of Dogs (a U-shaped area of land bounded by the River Thames). Around 105,000 people work in Canary Wharf and there are three different shopping centres inside.



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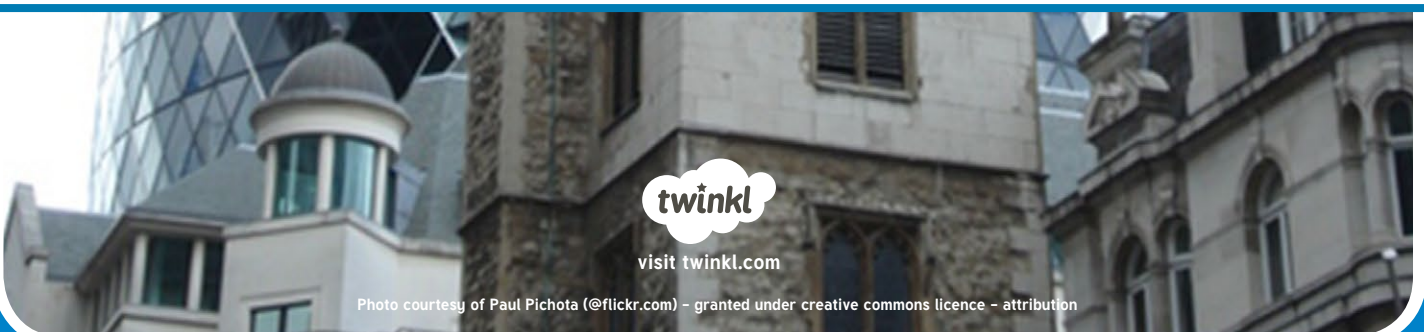
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# The Gherkin



The Gherkin, which is 180 metres tall, was opened to the public in April 2004. There are 1,037 steps in each stairwell and there are 41 floors in total. It is in the centre of London's financial district, the City of London and is very distinctive due to its unusual shape.

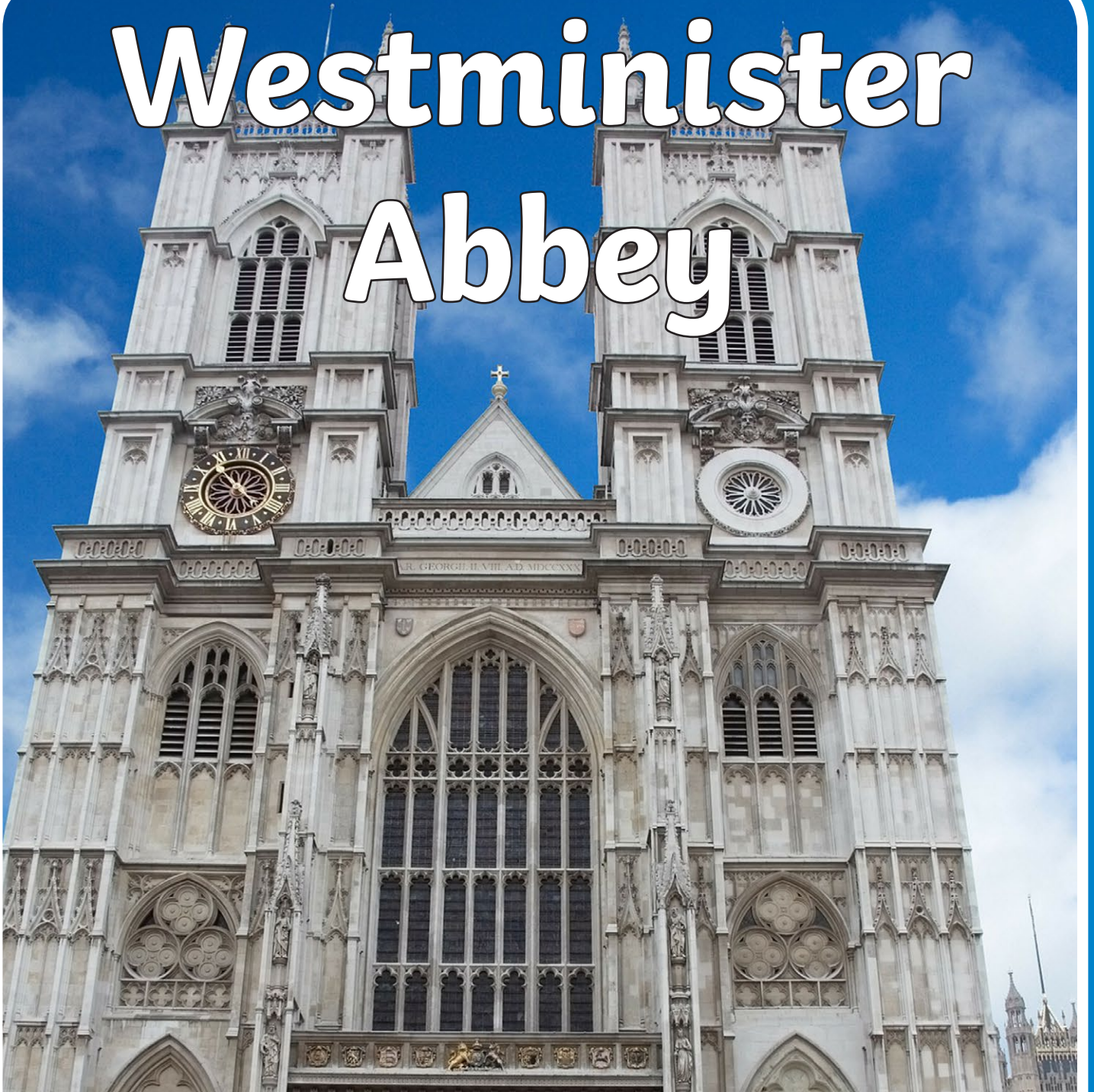


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# Westminster Abbey

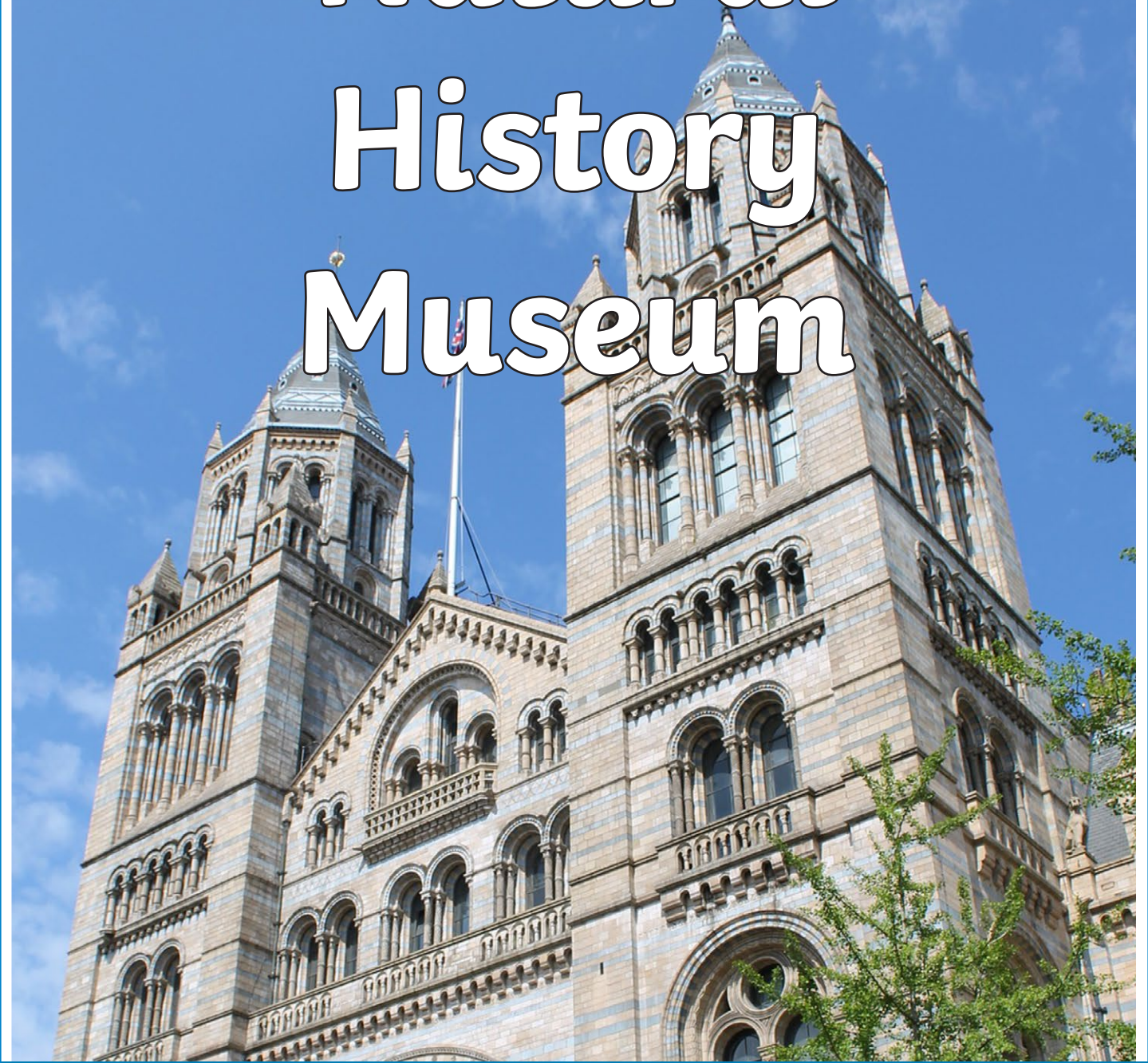


Westminster Abbey is a famous church in Westminster, London. Many kings and queens are buried there including Edward the Confessor. Queen Elizabeth II was coronated and married there and more recently, Prince William married Catherine Middleton in 2011.

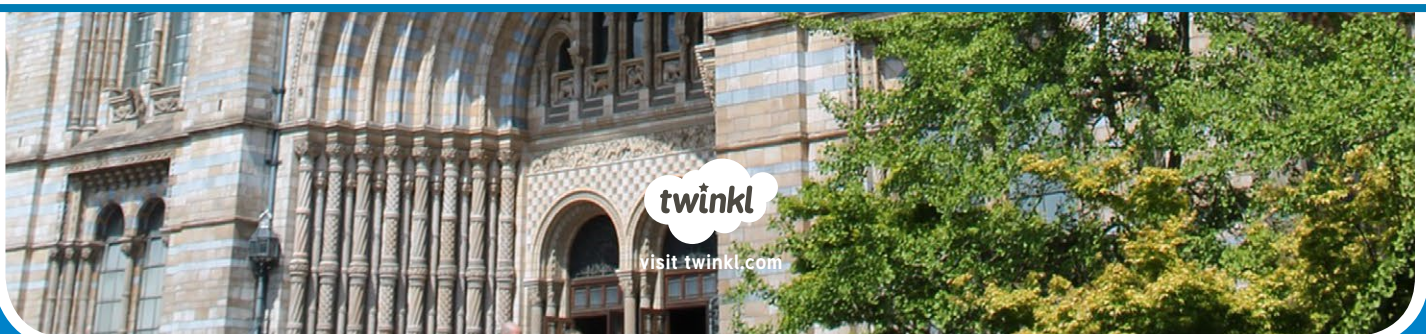




# Natural History Museum



The NHM is in South Kensington and contains Britain's main collection of specimens of life, rocks and minerals. After seven years of building, the NHM was finally completed in 1873.





# The Shard



The Shard, located in Southwark, was built in July 2012. It is the tallest building in London (309.6 metres tall) and can be seen from 40 miles away on the London skyline.



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# The Albert Memorial

The Albert Memorial, which is in Kensington, was erected in 1872 in memory of Queen Victoria's beloved husband, Albert. It is 54 metres tall and is very close to The Royal Albert Hall.



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# London Eye



The London Eye is a giant Ferris wheel on the South Bank of the River Thames. At 135 metres high, it is the highest observation wheel in the world. 800 people can ride on the wheel at any one time and a ride lasts for half an hour.



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# Big Ben



Big Ben is actually the name of the bell inside of The Elizabeth Tower which is on the north side of the Houses of Parliament. It was first heard chime on 31st May 1859 and is the largest four-faced chiming clock in the world.



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# British Museum

The British Museum was built in 1753 and was the first museum in the world to be open to everyone. The British Museum, which is in the Bloomsbury area of London, contains some of the world's oldest artefacts and entry is free for all visitors.



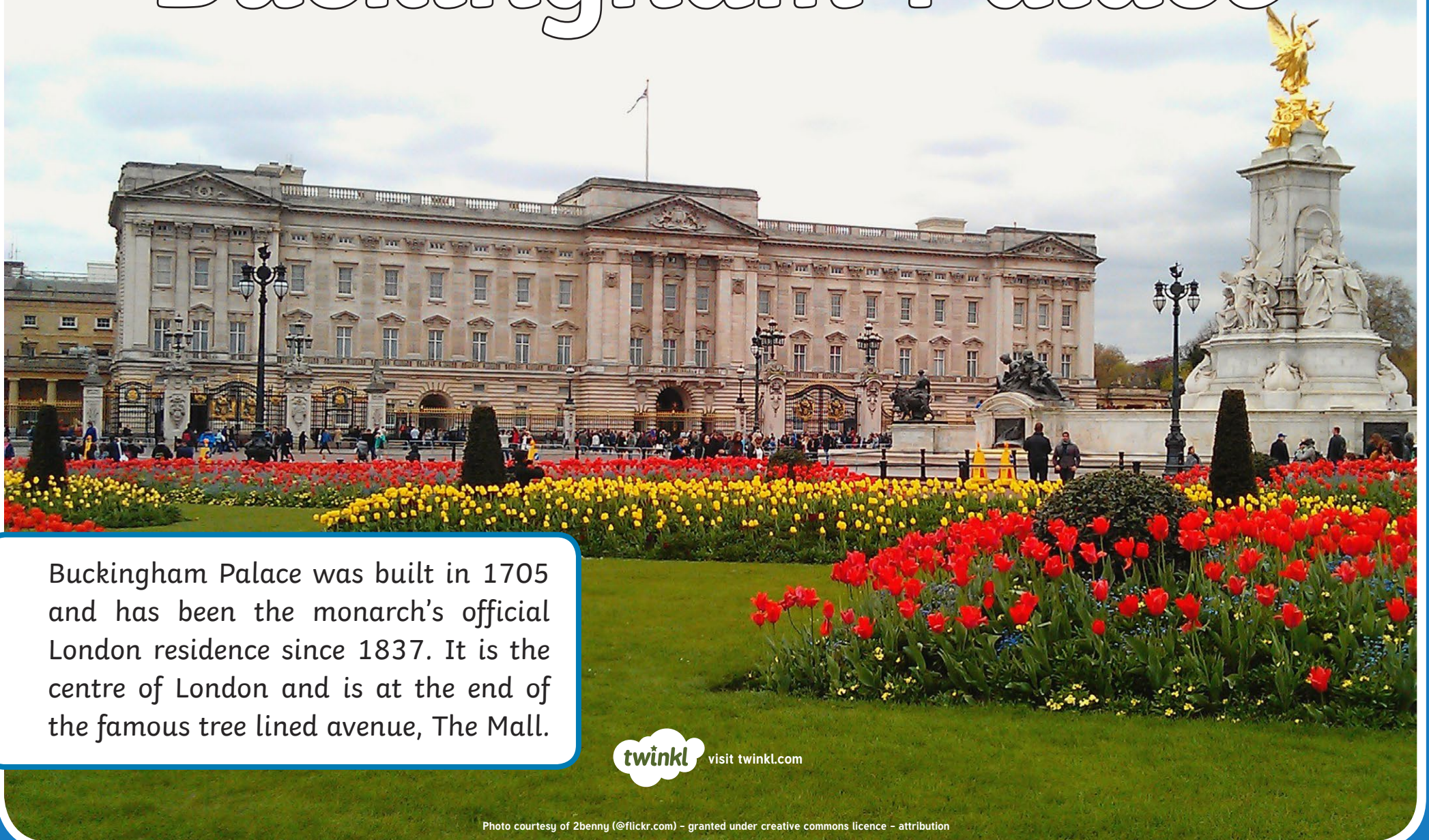
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# Buckingham Palace



Buckingham Palace was built in 1705 and has been the monarch's official London residence since 1837. It is the centre of London and is at the end of the famous tree lined avenue, The Mall.





# Millennium Dome

Located in Greenwich (South-east London), the Millennium Dome was built on the lead up to the 3rd Millennium. It is now known as the O2 and is an indoor entertainment arena.





# St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's Cathedral sits on the highest point in the City of London on Ludgate Hill. There have been many different buildings constructed on this site but the present Cathedral was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and built between 1675 and 1710.





# Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge was opened in 1894 by the Prince of Wales and is often mistaken for London Bridge (which is actually further down the River Thames). It is 244 metres long and both towers are 65 metres tall.





# London Underground



Opened in 1863, the London Underground is the oldest underground railway in the world. The 'tube', as it is often called, has 274 stations and about half of the track is actually above the ground.



# Royal Albert Hall

The Albert Hall is a large, domed building in the City of Westminster and was opened in 1871 by Queen Victoria. It is one of the most famous buildings in the world and has been hosting concerts for different types of music since 1941.





# BBC Broadcasting House

The BBC Broadcasting House is the headquarters of the BBC and is at Portland Place, Marylebone in London. It was built on 21 November 1928 and renovated in 2003.



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# Houses of Parliament



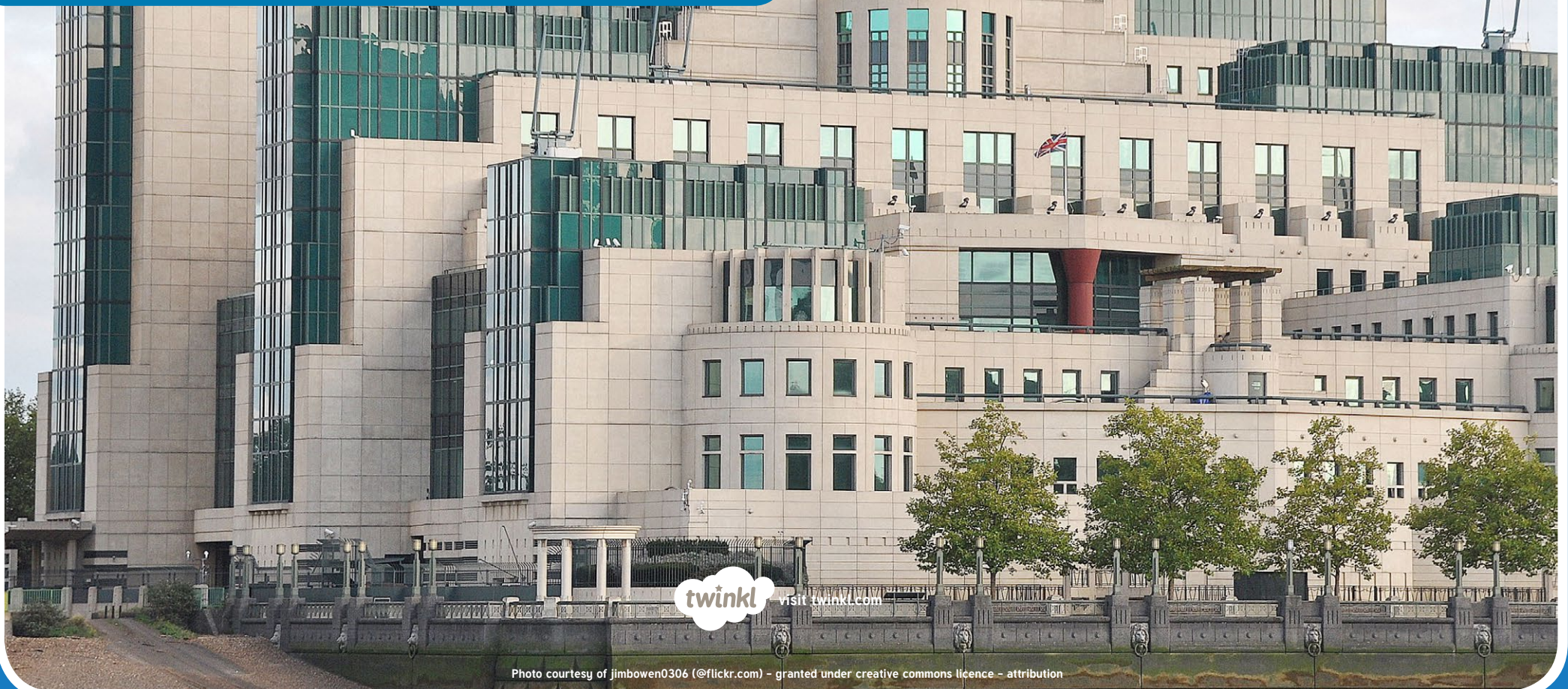
The Houses of Parliament is situated on the River Thames at Westminster. This is where laws are debated and passed by the House of Lords and the House of Commons. Up until 1512, the Houses of Parliament was a royal palace and Henry VIII was the last monarch to live there.





# MI6 Headquarters

M16 is on the bank of the River Thames next to Vauxhall Bridge. It has been the headquarters of the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) since 1995.



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# National Gallery

The National Gallery is an art gallery on Trafalgar Square and is home to some very rare pieces of artwork by famous artists such as Vermeer, Cezanne and Michelangelo.



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# London

London, the capital city of England, is the largest city in Europe. It is made up of two ancient cities; City of London and City of Westminster. Together these make Greater London. The River Thames runs through London upon which Tower Bridge and London Bridge were built.





# Olympic Park

The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, as is its formal name, was built in 2012 for the London Olympic games. It is located in the east of London, next to Stratford City.



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# Wembley Stadium

Wembley Stadium is in north London and is one of the most famous stadiums in the world. It was originally built in 1923 and has been the venue for many FA and World Cup finals as well as large-scale music concerts.

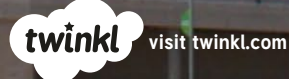


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# St Pancras Station

Opened in 1868, St Pancras Station is famous for its Victorian architecture. It is named after Saint Pancras, the patron saint of children, who was beheaded by a Roman emperor when he refused to deny his Christian faith.



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