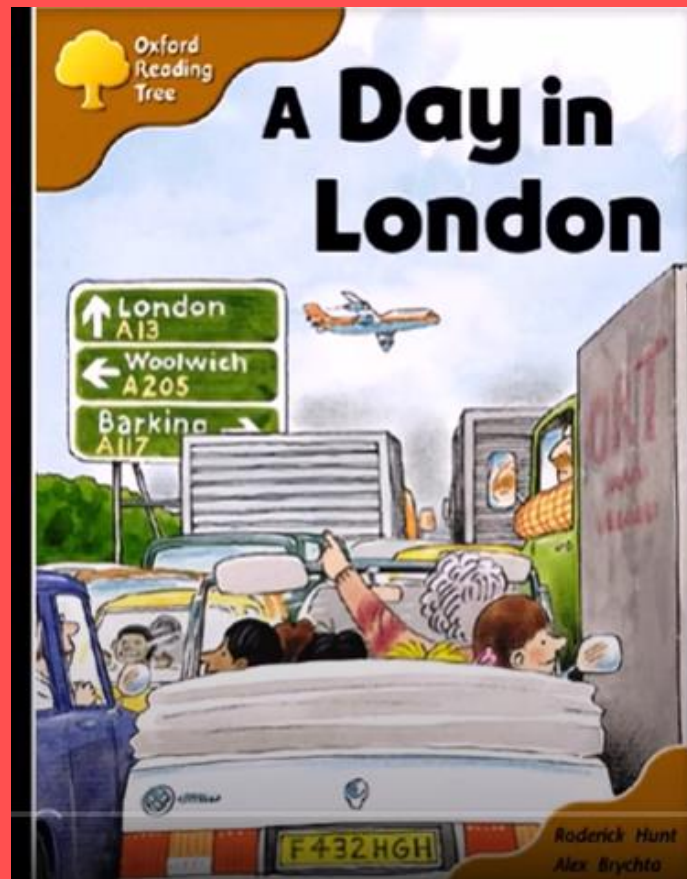


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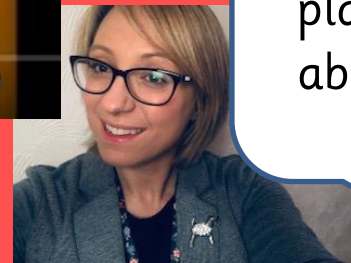
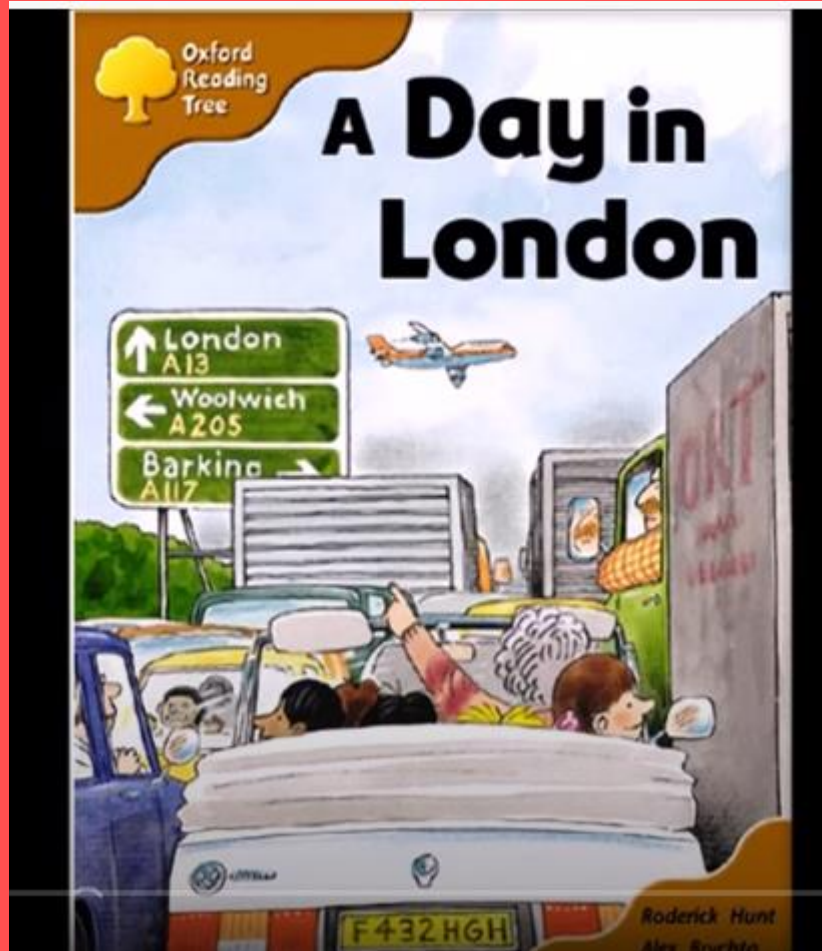


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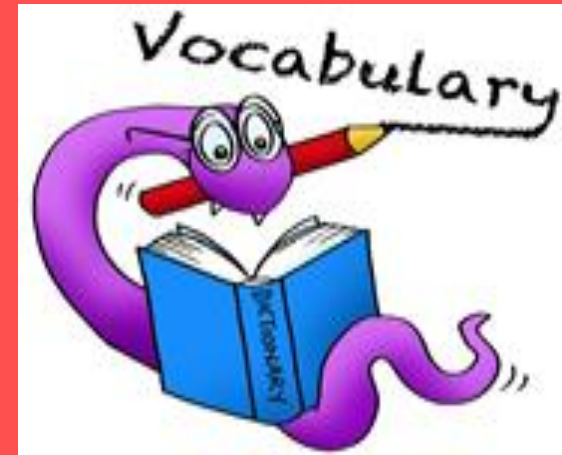
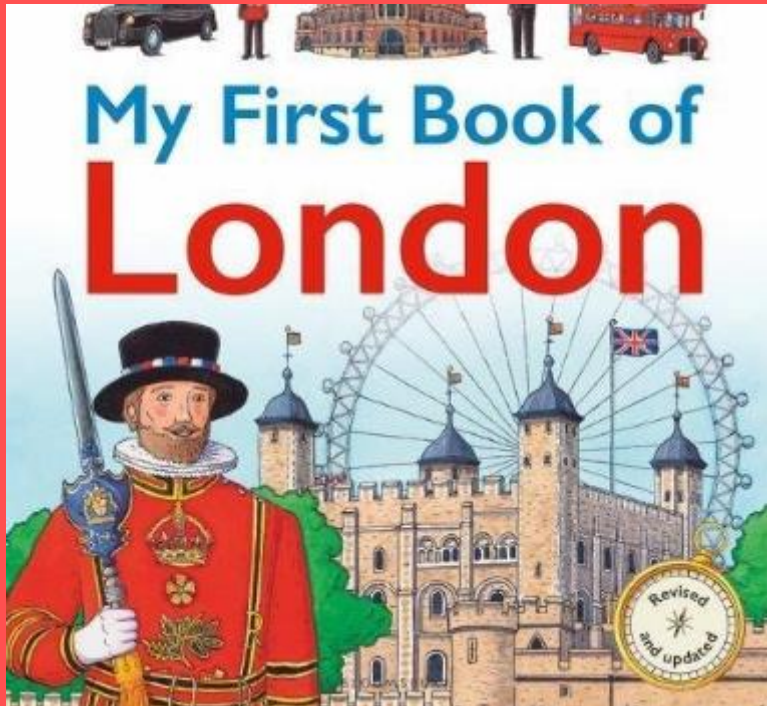
Watch the video story of a day in London with Biff and Chip.



What can you learn about the important places in London. Talk about it afterwards.



Now have a look at this Information book. My First Book of London. Read the parts you are interested in. Learn some new facts about London.



I can learn new words for the topic of London. I can retrieve facts about London from this book.



My First Book of London



Special things to spot

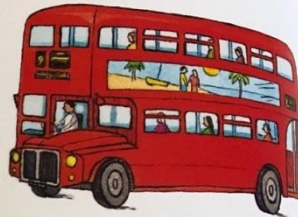
London is an exciting city to visit. There are so many interesting buildings and places to look at and discover. As you travel around there are lots of smaller things to look out for too! Many are special things that you will only find in London. While you're exploring the city, see if you can spot any of these:



Telephone Box



Tube Sign



Red Double Decker Bus



Black Taxi



Policeman

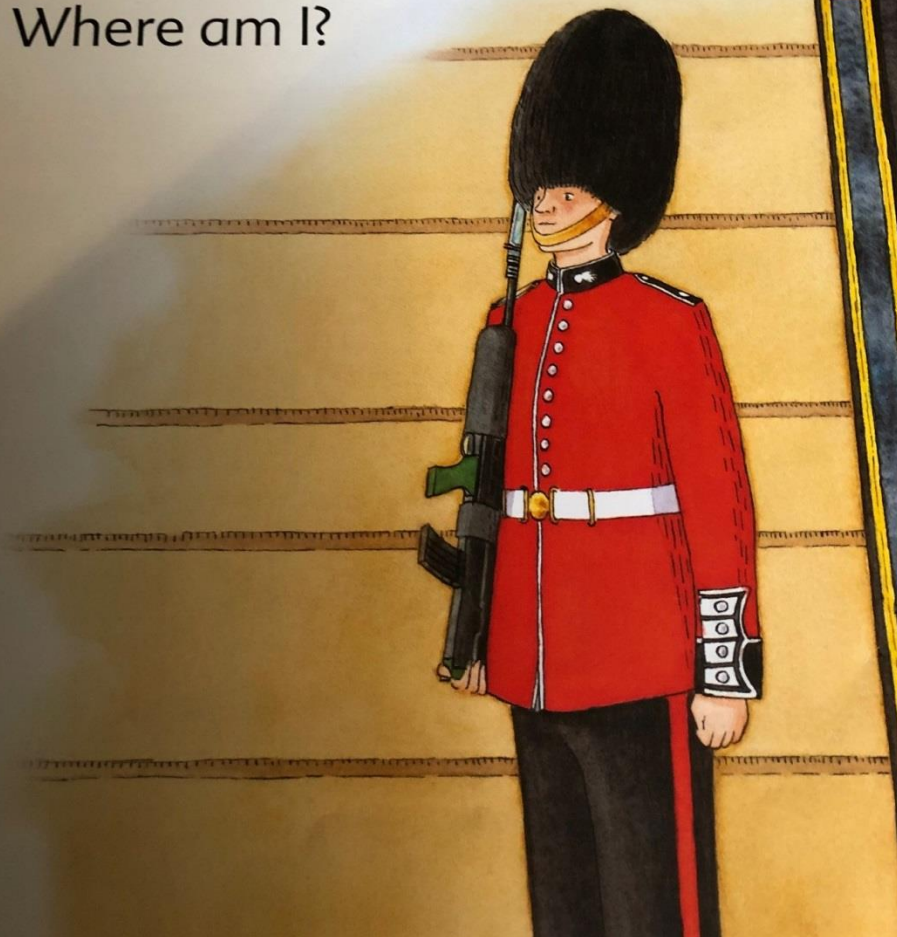


London Bicycles



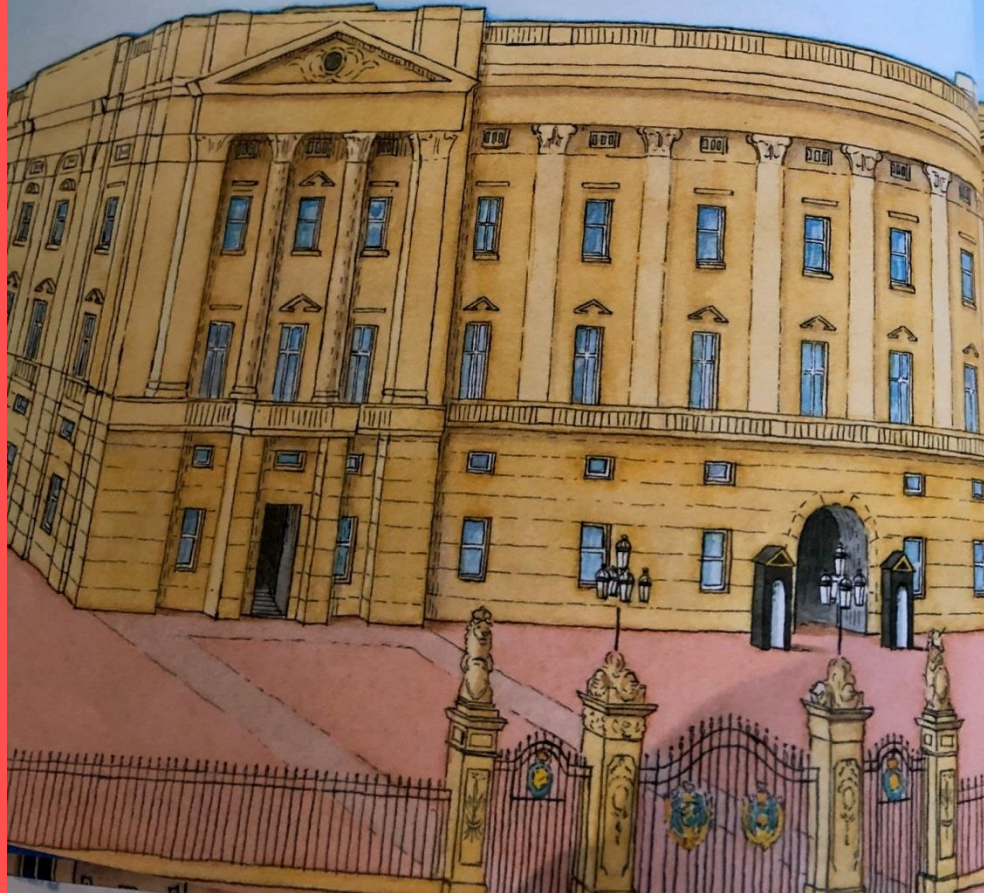
I can see a very big building behind some high railings. A flag is flying on the roof. A group of guards in red uniforms and tall black hats is marching in front of the building.

Where am I?

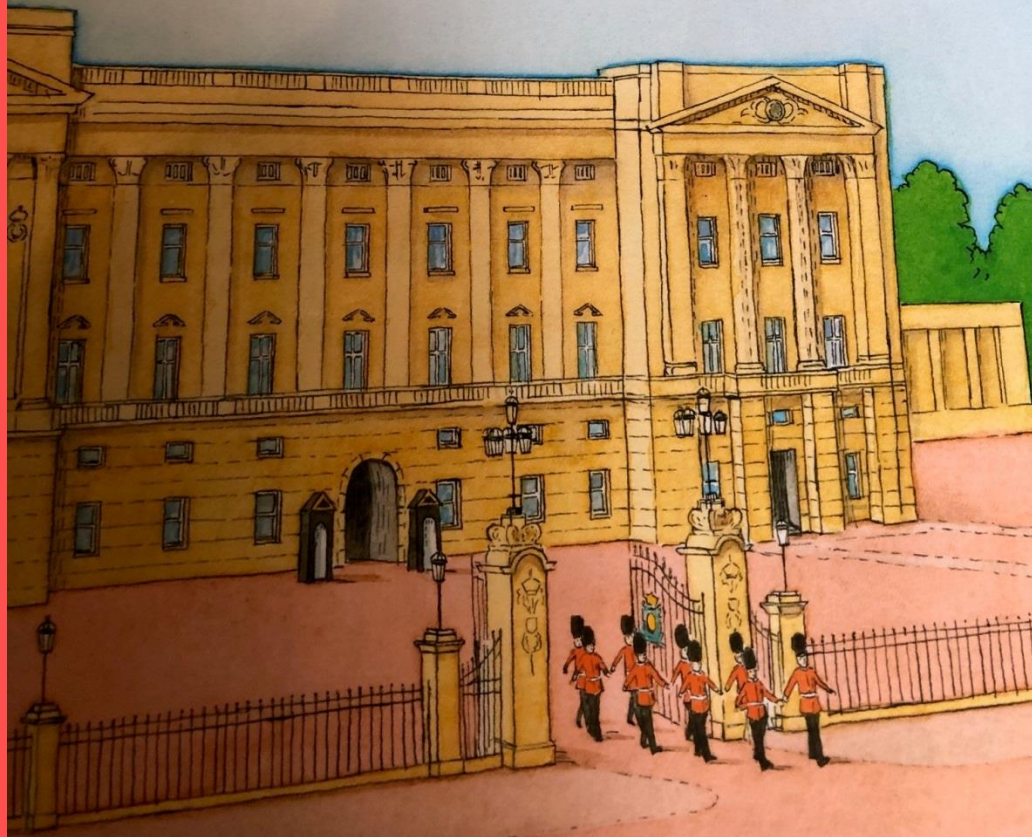


I am at Buckingham Palace!

This huge building is the Queen's home. Every morning during the summer you can watch the Changing of the Guard. This is when the soldiers in the red uniforms and bearskin hats march in front of the palace and swap places.



There's always a flag flying at Buckingham Palace. The Union flag that you can see in the picture flies when the Queen is not there. The Royal Standard flies when the Queen is at home.



What to look out for...

If you visit Buckingham Palace, look for these sights. You can only see some of these special things at certain times or on important days.



The Changing of the Guard



The Balcony



The Royal Standard



Gold State Coach



A Horse Guard



The Victoria Memorial

Click here to learn what it is like inside
Buckingham palace





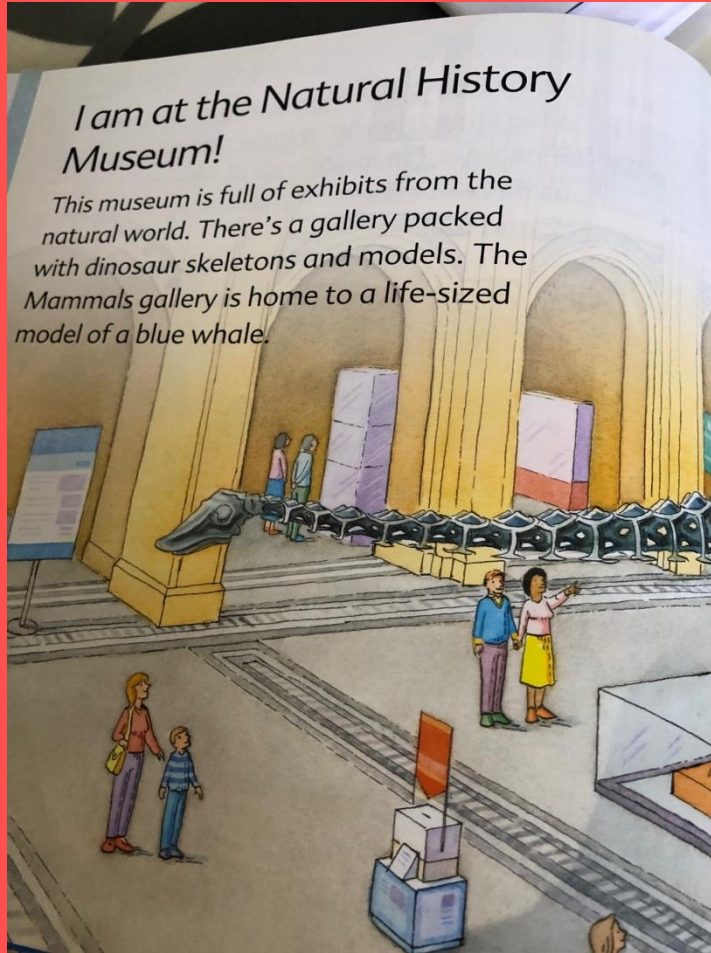
I am in a large hall with a high ceiling.
There's a big staircase with a huge section
of tree trunk on it. I'm looking up at an
enormous dinosaur skeleton with a very
long neck and tail.

Where am I?

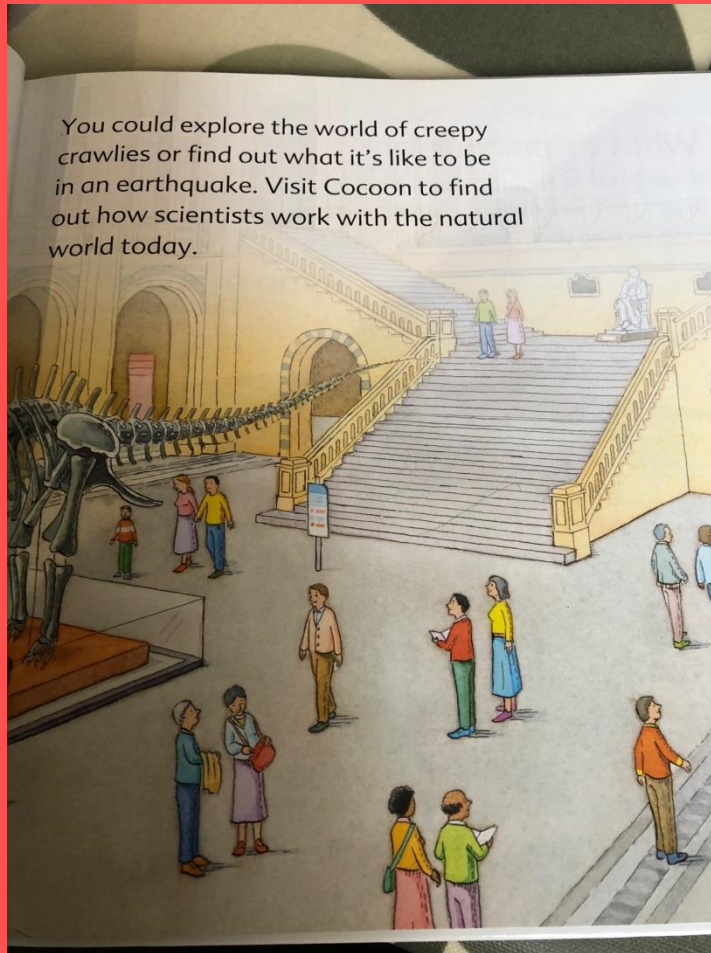


I am at the Natural History Museum!

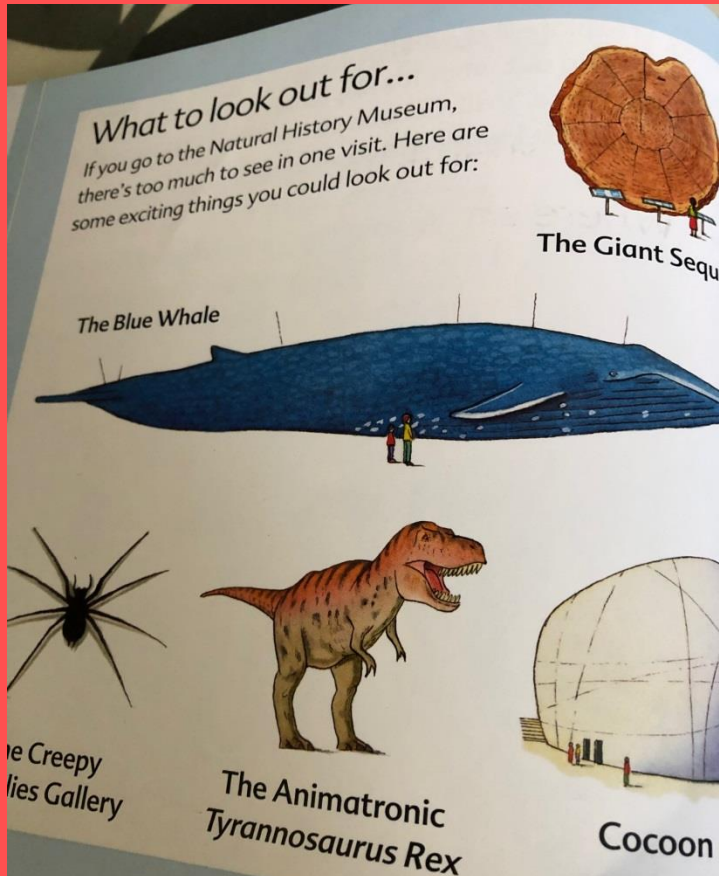
This museum is full of exhibits from the natural world. There's a gallery packed with dinosaur skeletons and models. The Mammals gallery is home to a life-sized model of a blue whale.



You could explore the world of creepy
crawlies or find out what it's like to be
in an earthquake. Visit Cocoon to find
out how scientists work with the natural
world today.



Click on the photos to watch videos.



Click here to look at some activities on the natural History Museum website



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On this page you'll find activities and ideas to occupy yourself and family at home, in your garden or local outdoor space.

For dino fans

Dinosaur activities for families

Crazy about dinosaurs?

We've got a host of activities and info for



I can see someone on top of a very tall pillar.
He's looking down at a big square. There
are four bronze lions and fountains in the
square, and four other statues.

Where am I?



Click here to learn about the lions in Trafalgar square.

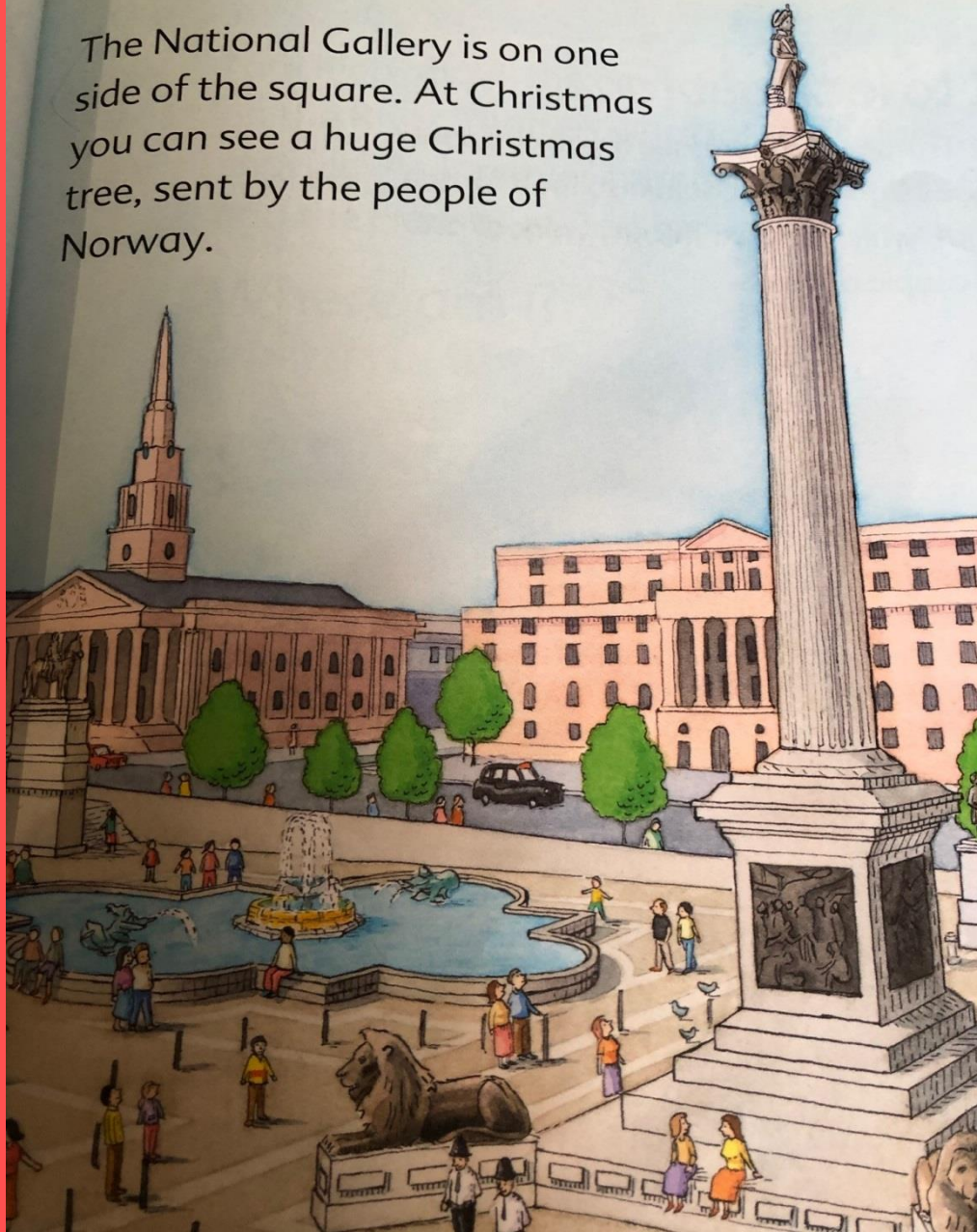


I am in Trafalgar Square!

This busy square is 200 years old. Nelson's Column is in the middle, with a statue of Admiral Nelson on top. The square is named after the Battle of Trafalgar where Nelson beat the French leader, Napoleon.



The National Gallery is on one side of the square. At Christmas you can see a huge Christmas tree, sent by the people of Norway.



What to look out for...

If you visit Trafalgar Square, see if you can spot these famous sights. You could also look for the Fourth Plinth, which has a different work of art on it every couple of years.



A Bronze Lion



The Fountains



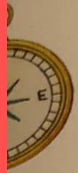
St Martin-in-the-Fields



George IV Statue



Nelson Column



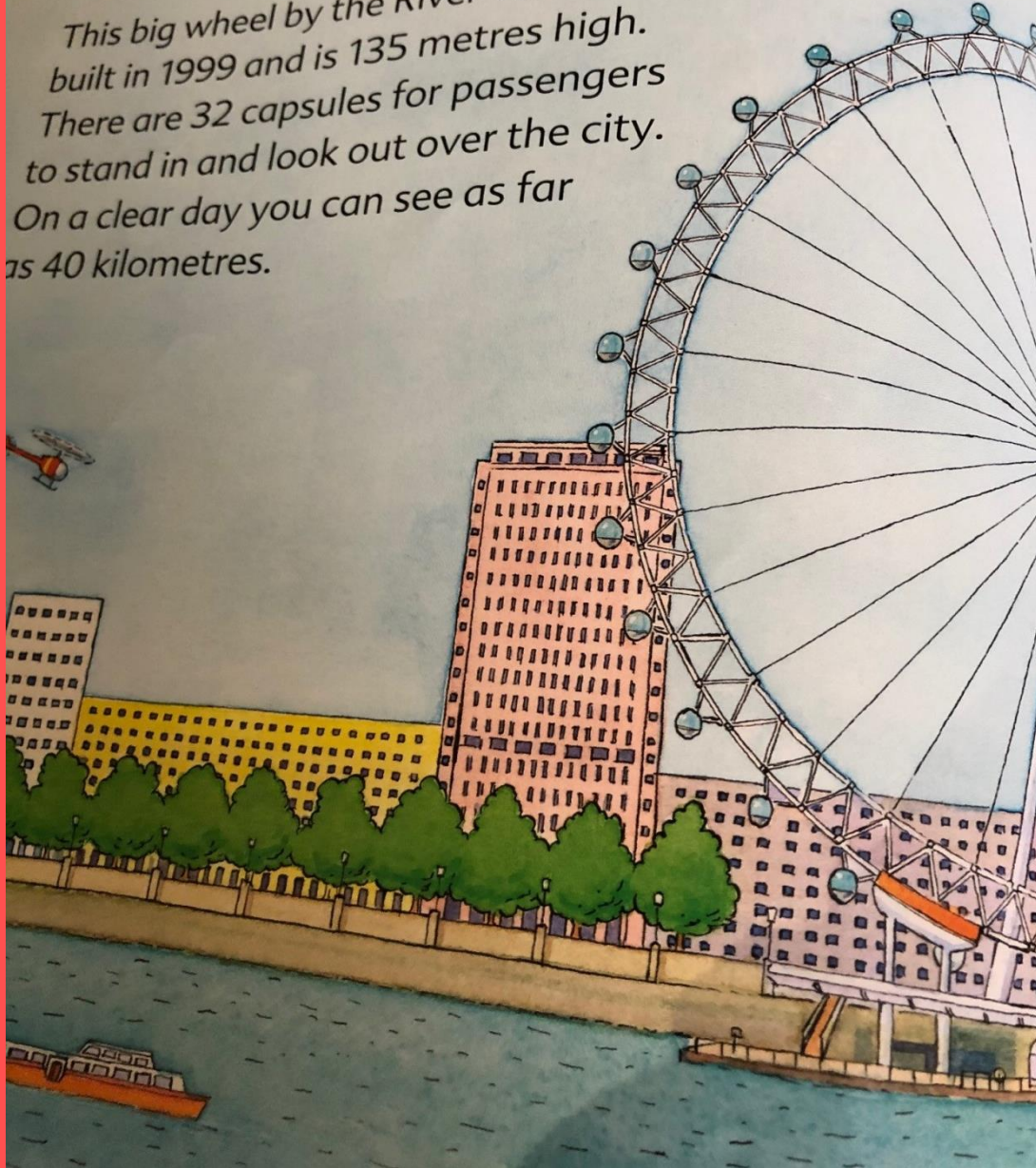
I am high above the city looking down on the River Thames. I am inside a glass capsule. As it moves round I can see Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.

Where am I?

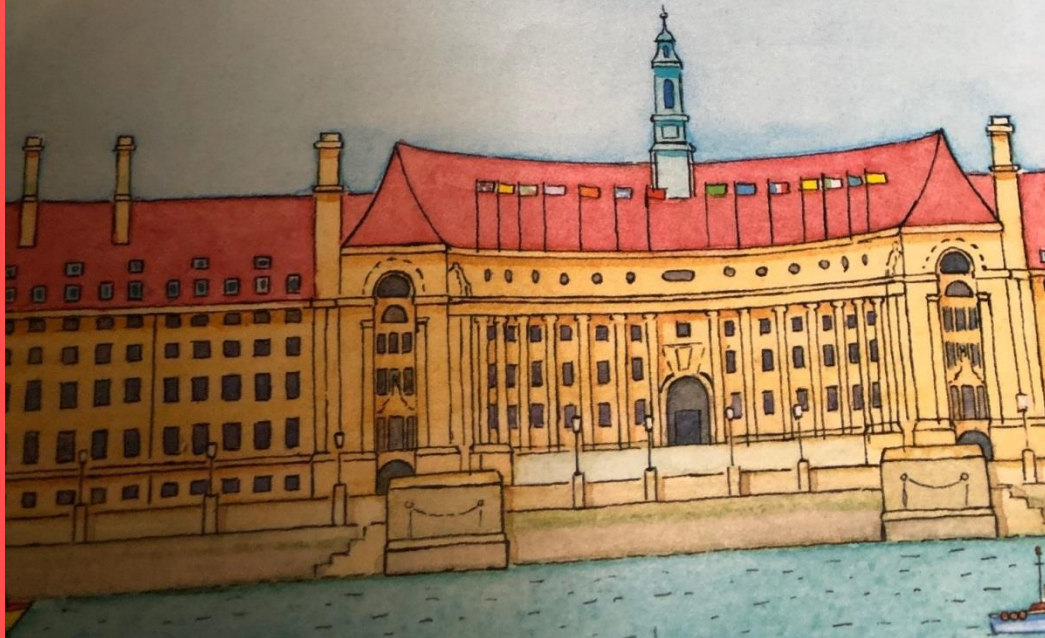


I am on the London Eye!

This big wheel by the River Thames was built in 1999 and is 135 metres high. There are 32 capsules for passengers to stand in and look out over the city. On a clear day you can see as far as 40 kilometres.



From the London Eye you can see all the bridges and boats on the river. You can also see many different types of building, from very old to brand new.



Watch this London Eye video

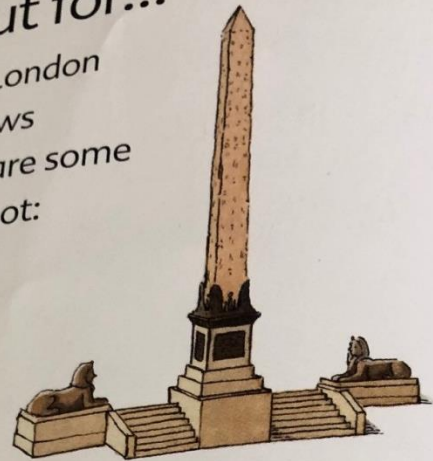


What to look out for...

If you go for a ride on the London Eye you will have great views across all of London. Here are some famous sights you might spot:



Westminster Abbey



Cleopatra's Needle



Big Ben



The Gherkin



St Paul's Cathedral

I am looking at a very old building by the river. It has high walls and there are guards in special uniforms. There's a gate in the outside wall that leads into the river.

Where am I?

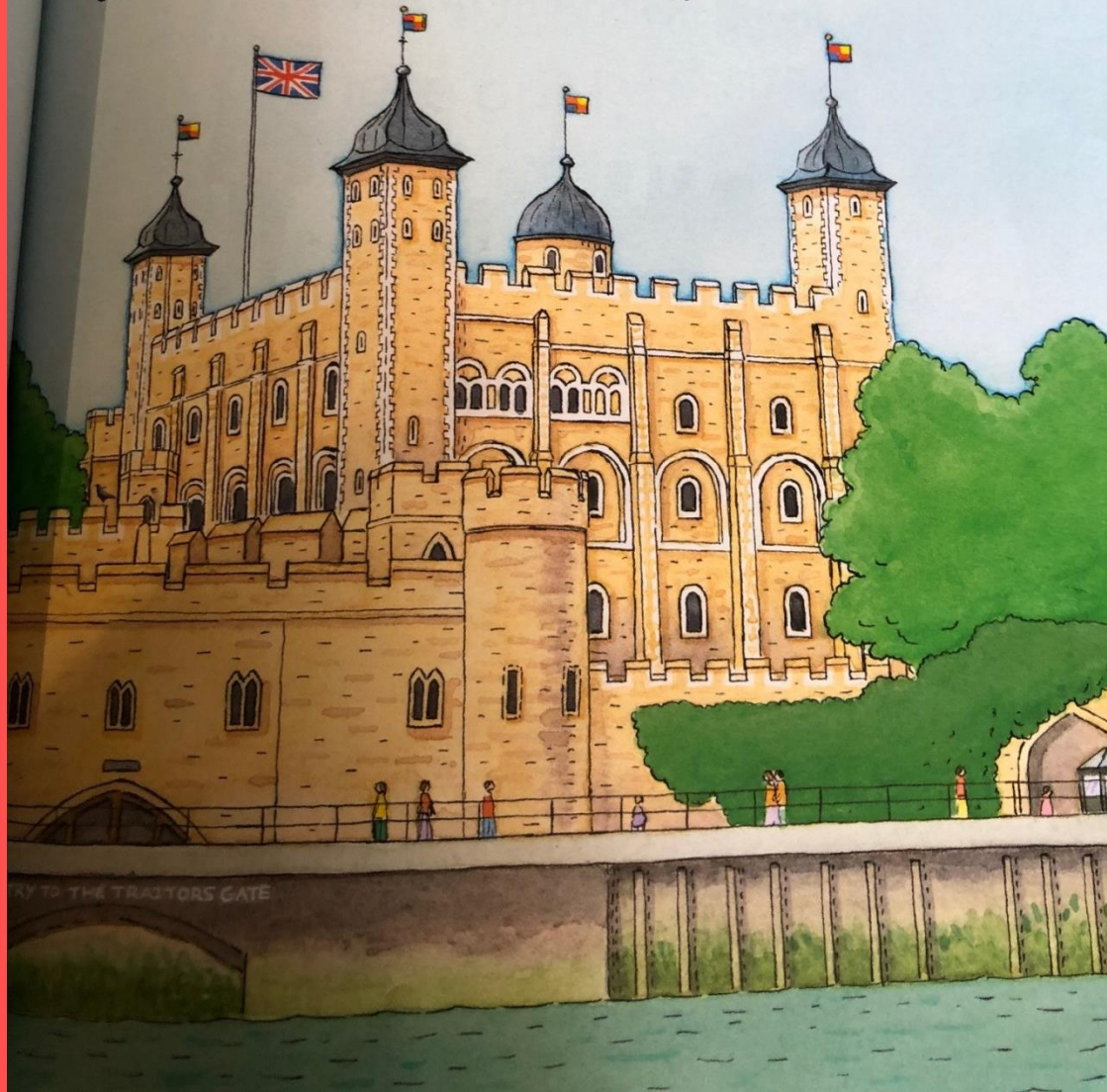


I am at the Tower of London!

Kings and queens lived in this fort before it was used as a prison. Prisoners came by boat along the river to Traitor's Gate in the outside wall. Many were executed on Tower Green. The Crown Jewels are still kept in the Tower today.



The guards at the Tower are called Yeoman Warders or Beefeaters. One Warder looks after the ravens at the Tower. Stories say the Tower will fall down if the ravens ever leave!



Tour the tower of London with this video



What to look out for...

As you explore the inside and outside of the Tower of London, look out for these famous sights:



The Crown Jewels



HMS Belfast



A Yeoman
Warder



The Traitor's Gate



Tower Bridge



London
City Hall

Hear the queen talk about the crown jewels.



I am in a large courtyard with an amazing glass ceiling. In the middle of the courtyard is a round room full of books. Through a doorway there are lots of statues and carvings from Ancient Egypt.

Where am I?

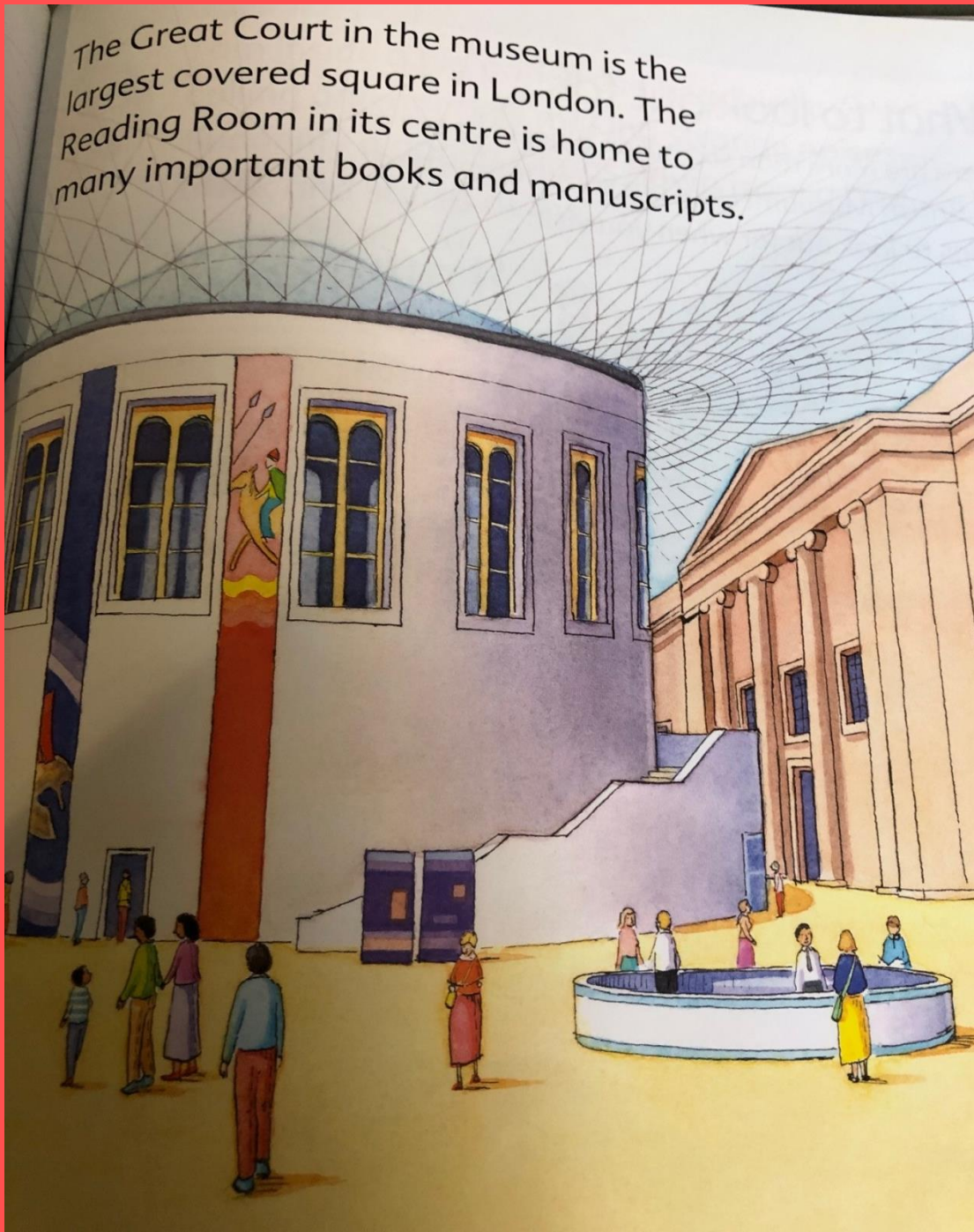


I am inside the British Museum!

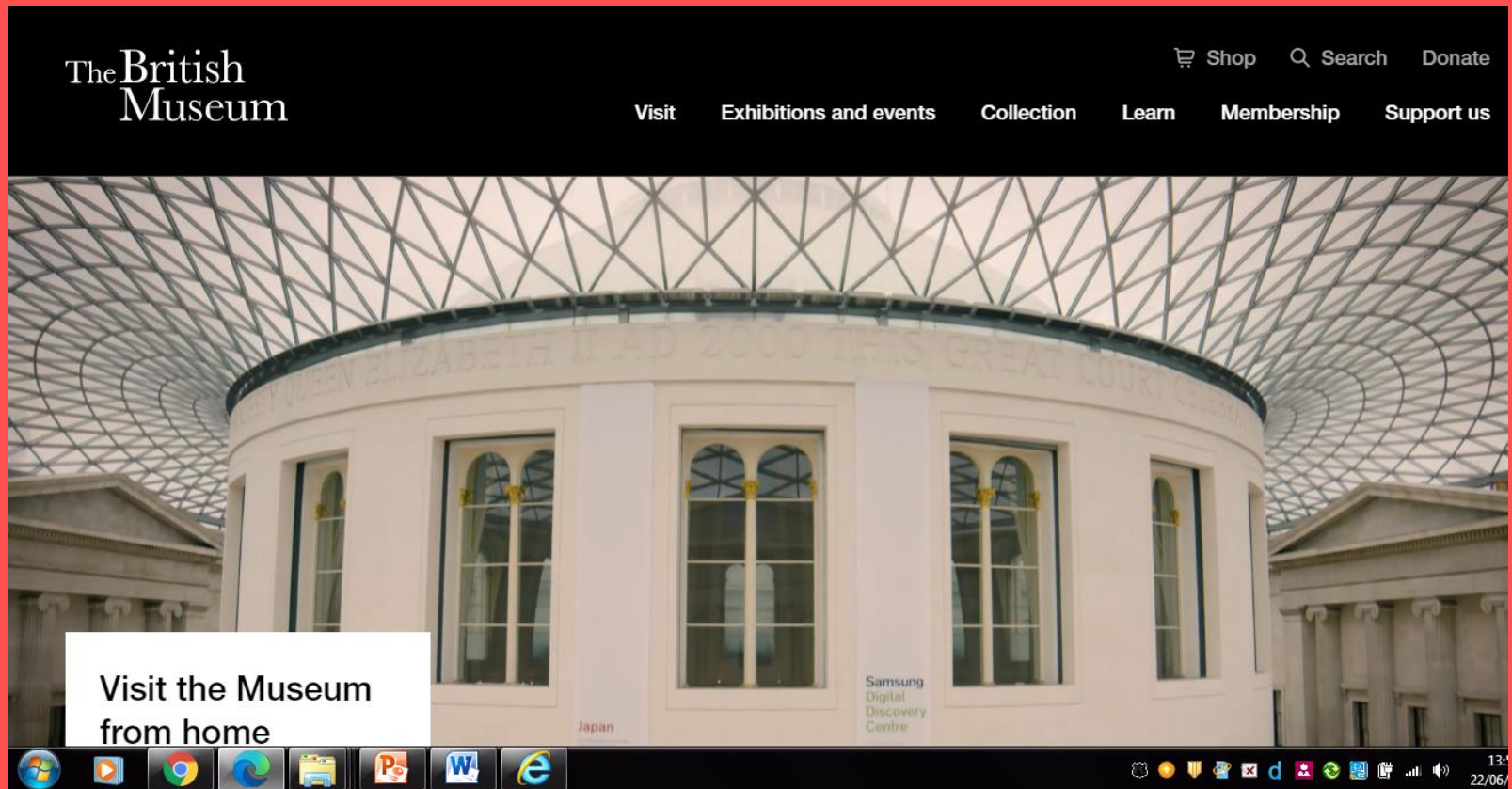
This is the oldest museum in the world with collections from many countries. In the Ancient Egyptian gallery there are mummies and statues of pharaohs. Other collections include weapons, armour, carvings and everyday objects from thousands of years ago.



The Great Court in the museum is the largest covered square in London. The Reading Room in its centre is home to many important books and manuscripts.



Click below to explore the British Museum Website



What to look out for...

There are more than six million objects to see at the British Museum! Here are some interesting things to look out for when you visit:



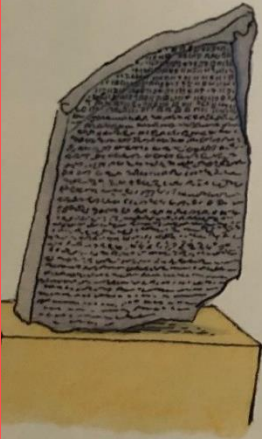
The Reading Room



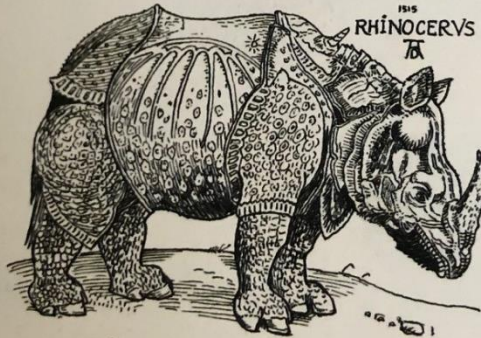
Rameses II Statue



Carvings and Columns at the Entrance



Rosetta Stone



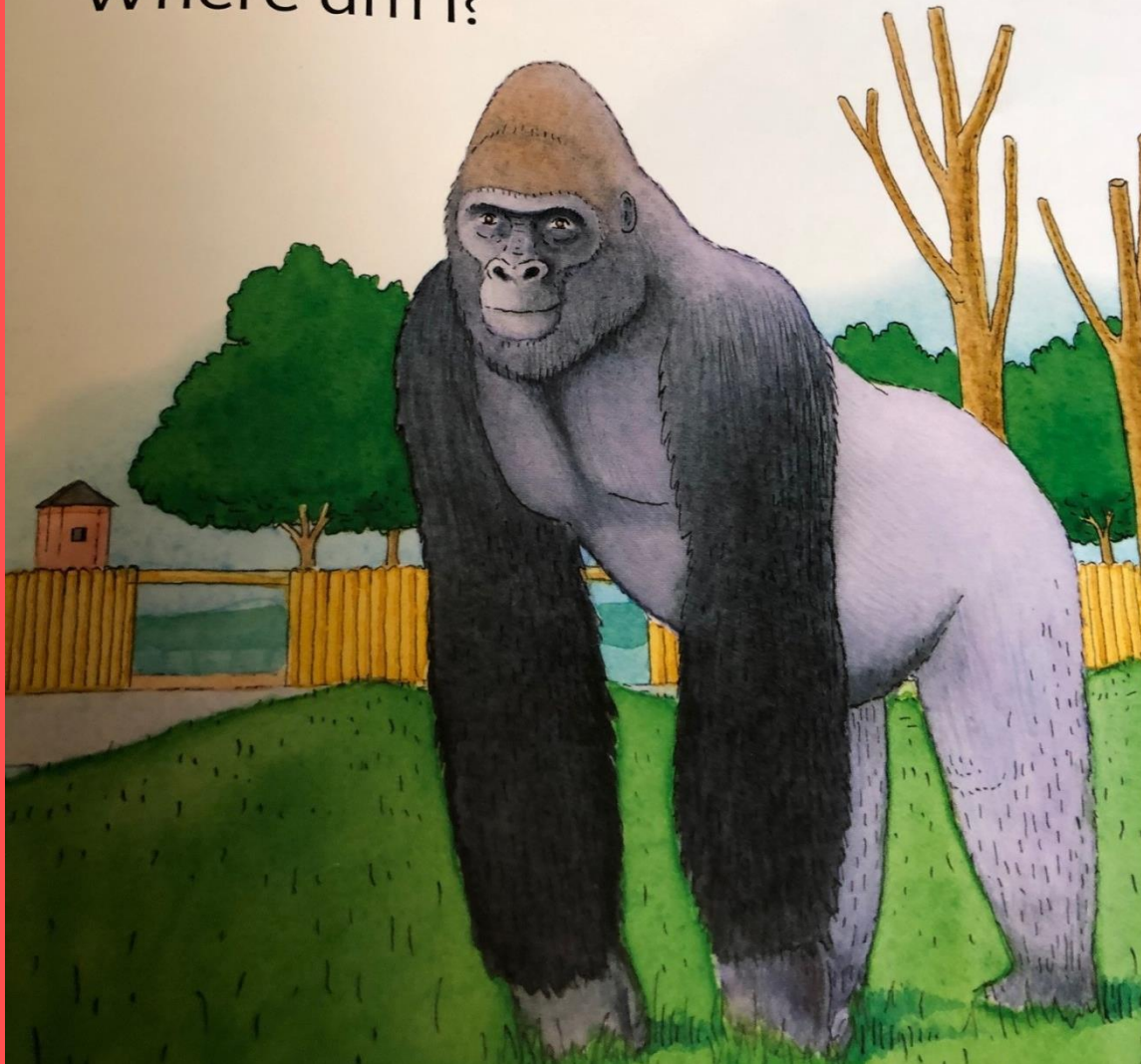
Dürer's Rhinoceros



Sutton Hoo Helmet

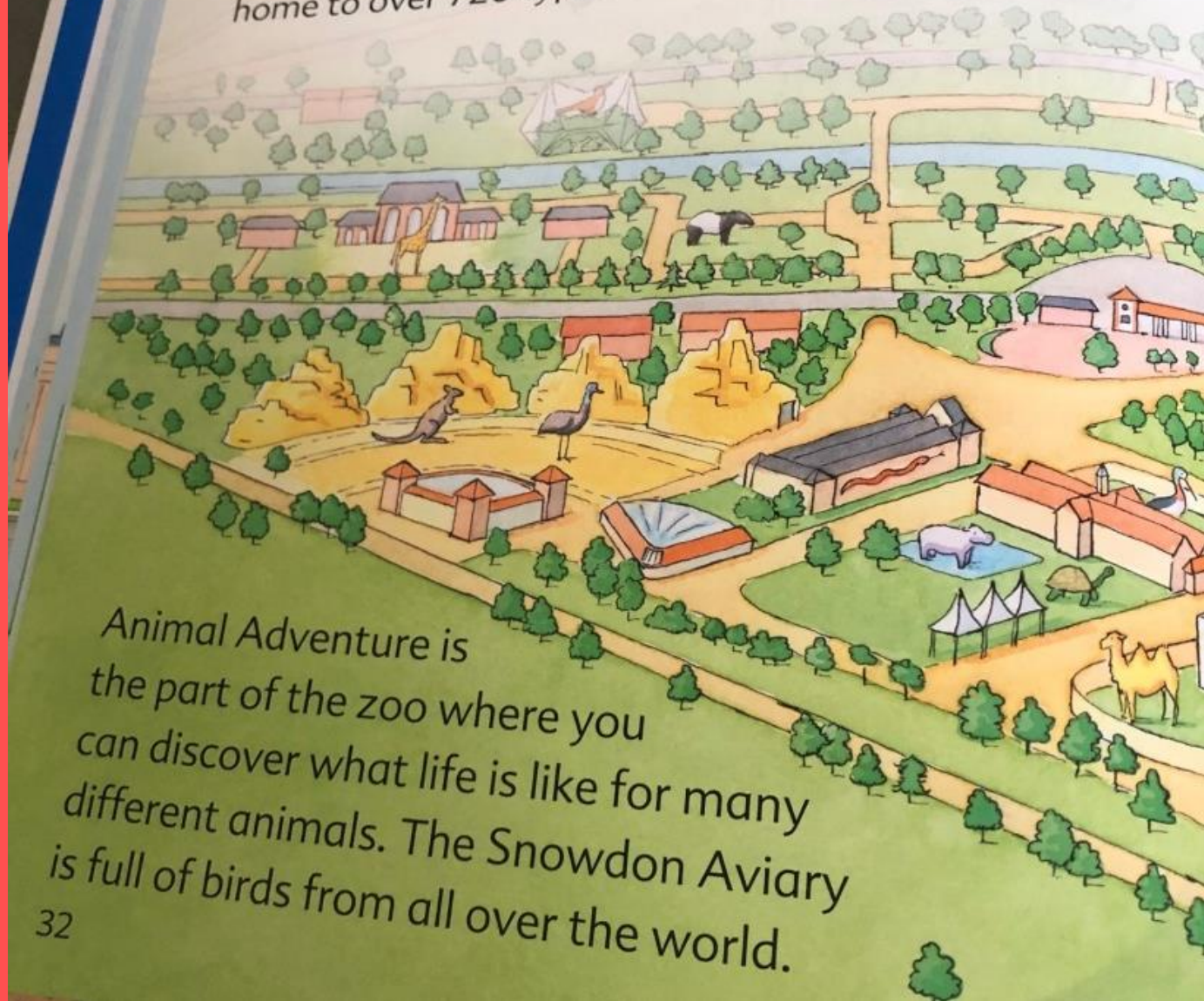
I am inside a big park. I can hear birds
calling and animals making strange noises.
Suddenly a gorilla climbs down from a tree
trunk and stares at me.

Where am I?



I am at London Zoo!

This popular zoo is in Regent's Park and is home to over 720 types of animals and birds.



Animal Adventure is the part of the zoo where you can discover what life is like for many different animals. The Snowdon Aviary is full of birds from all over the world.

In the amphitheatre you can see special Animals in Action displays. And don't forget to visit all the creepy crawlies in the B.U.G.S. exhibition!



Click here to watch a video about
London Zoo.



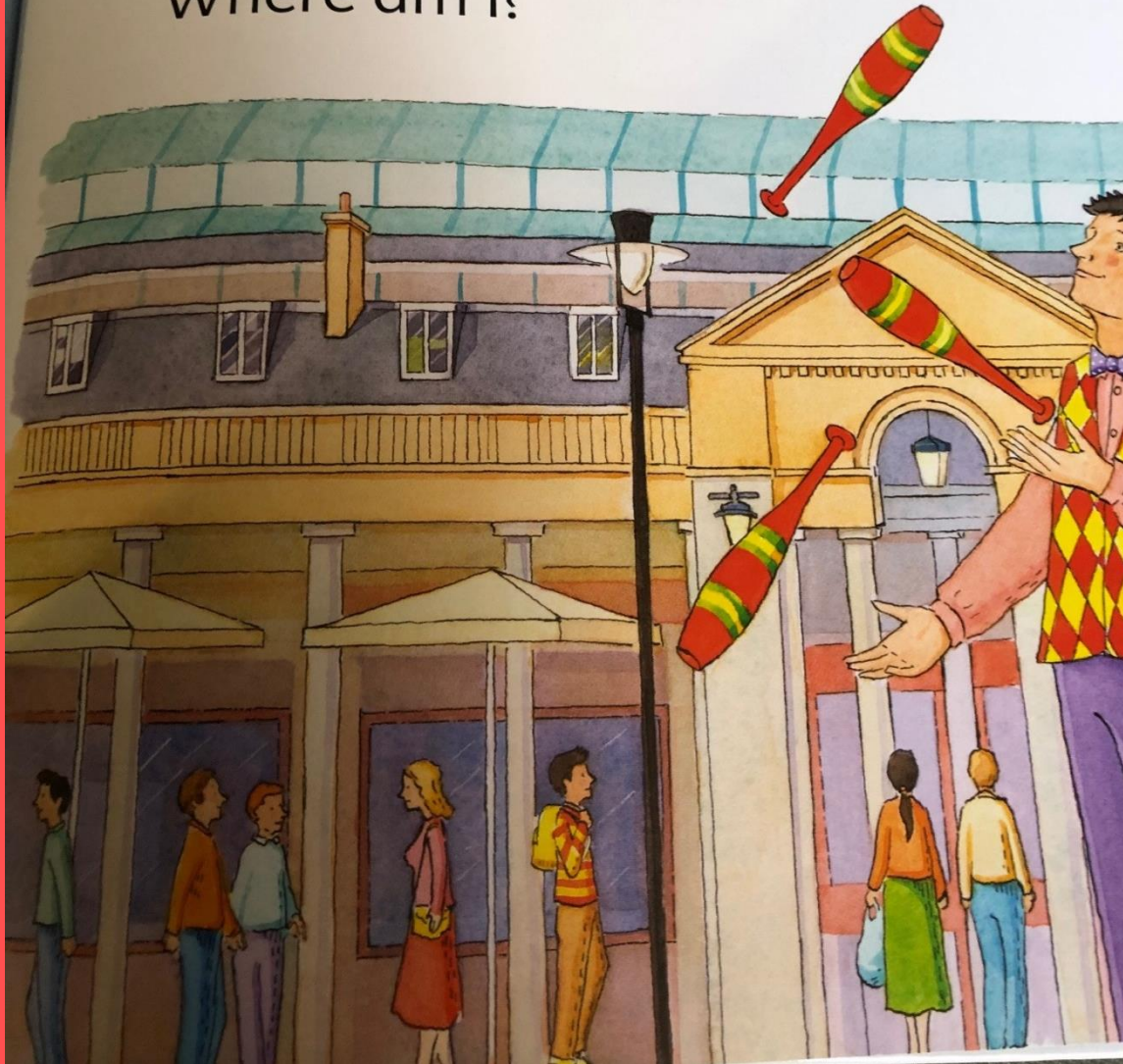
Can you write a list of all the animals in London Zoo so that the zookeeper can check if any have escaped.





I am standing in a large square. There's a big hall full of shops and cafés in the middle of the square. In front of the hall there are colourful street performers entertaining a crowd.

Where am I?



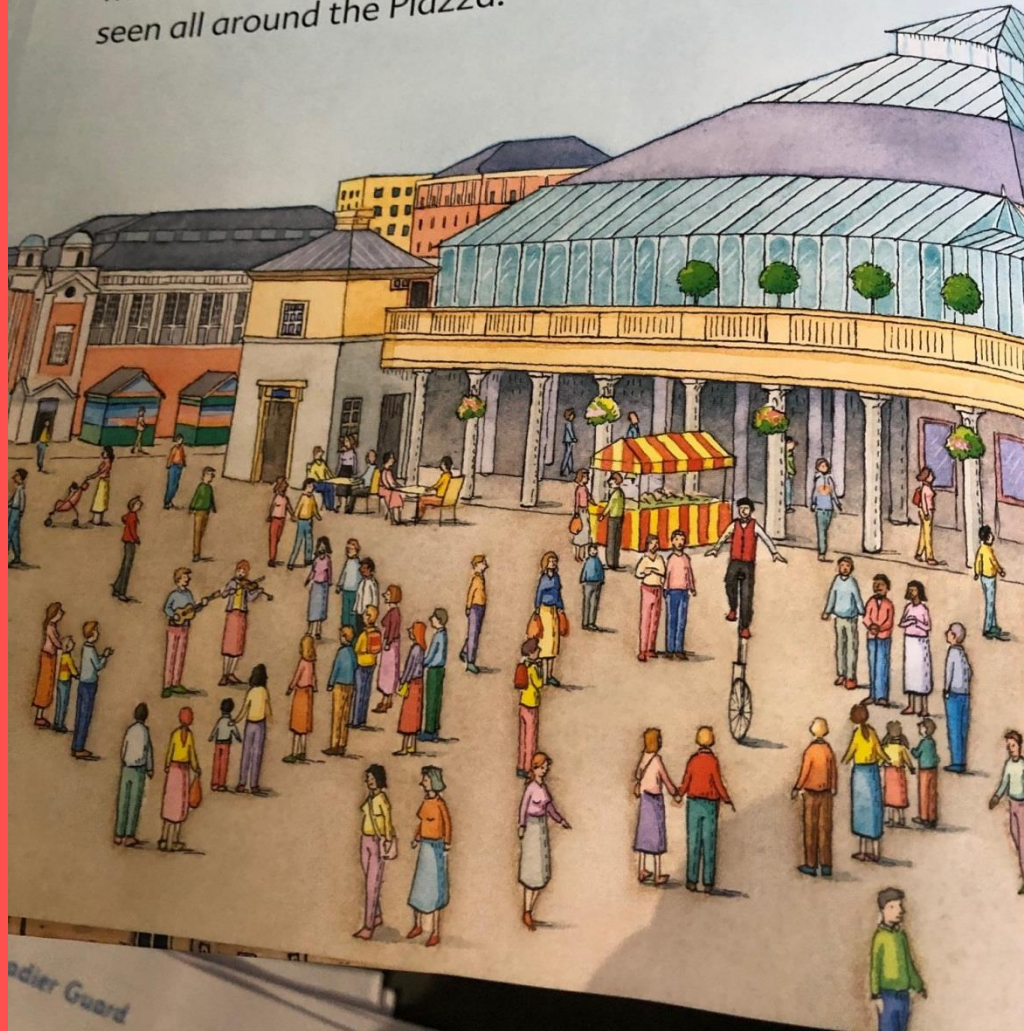
Watch this strange street performance in London



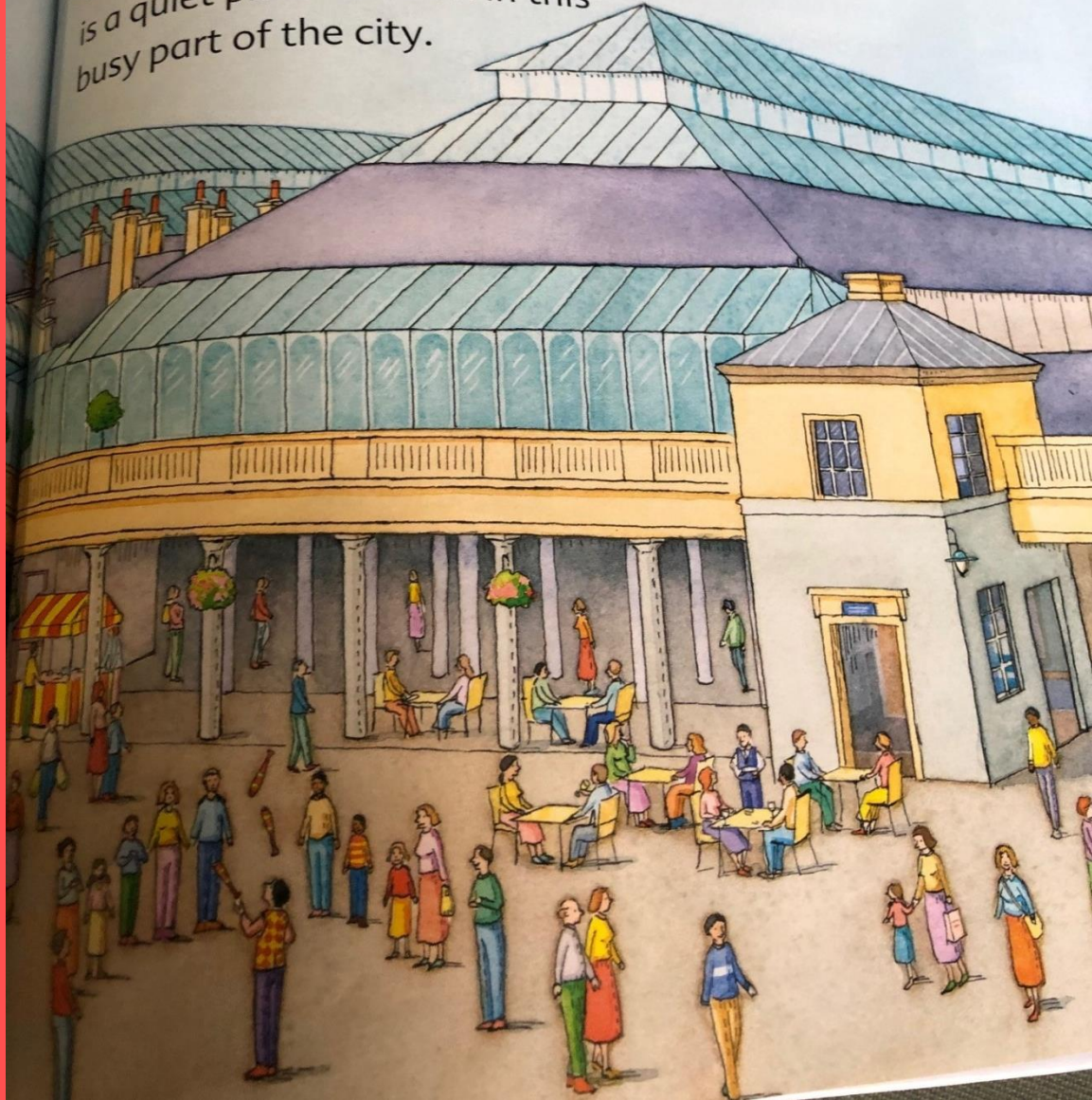
Play (k)

I am in Covent Garden!

The square is called the Piazza. There used to be a market in the hall in the middle. Jugglers, musicians and other street entertainers can be seen all around the Piazza.

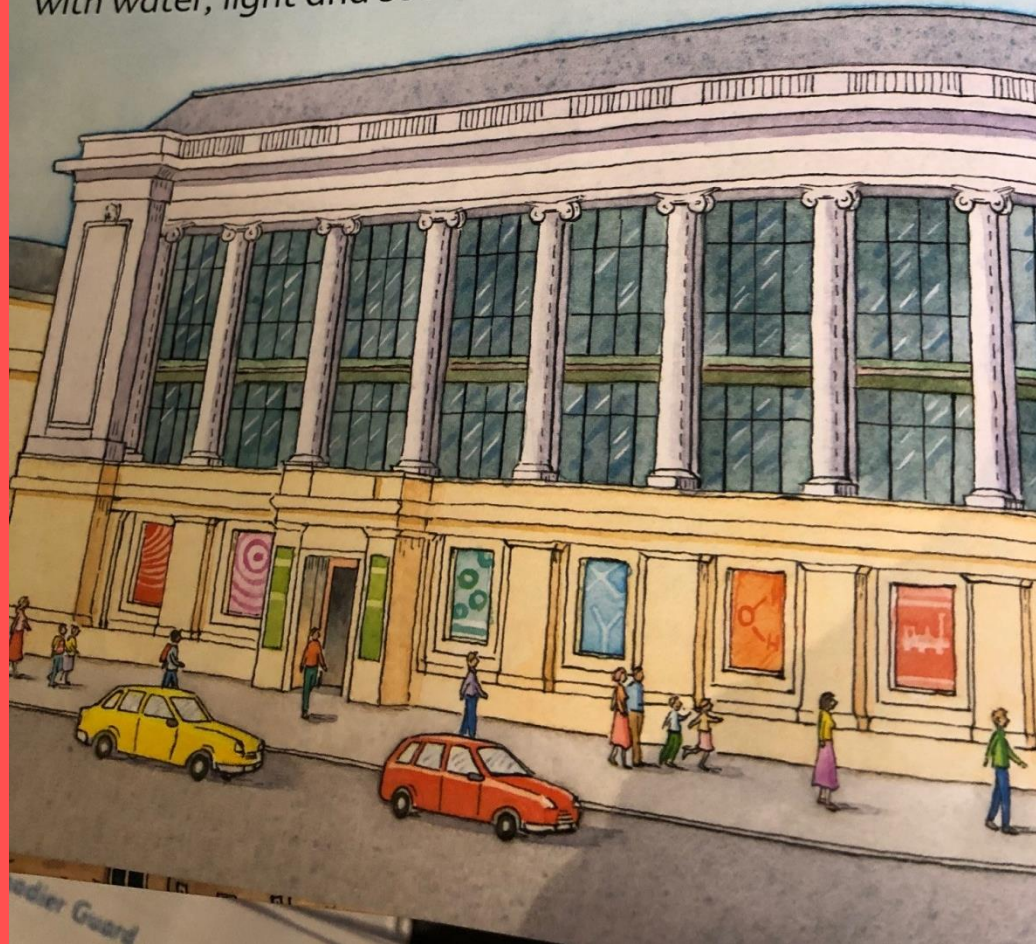


Just off the north side of the square is the Royal Opera House. St Paul's Church is at the other end of the Piazza. Its churchyard is a quiet place to relax in this busy part of the city.

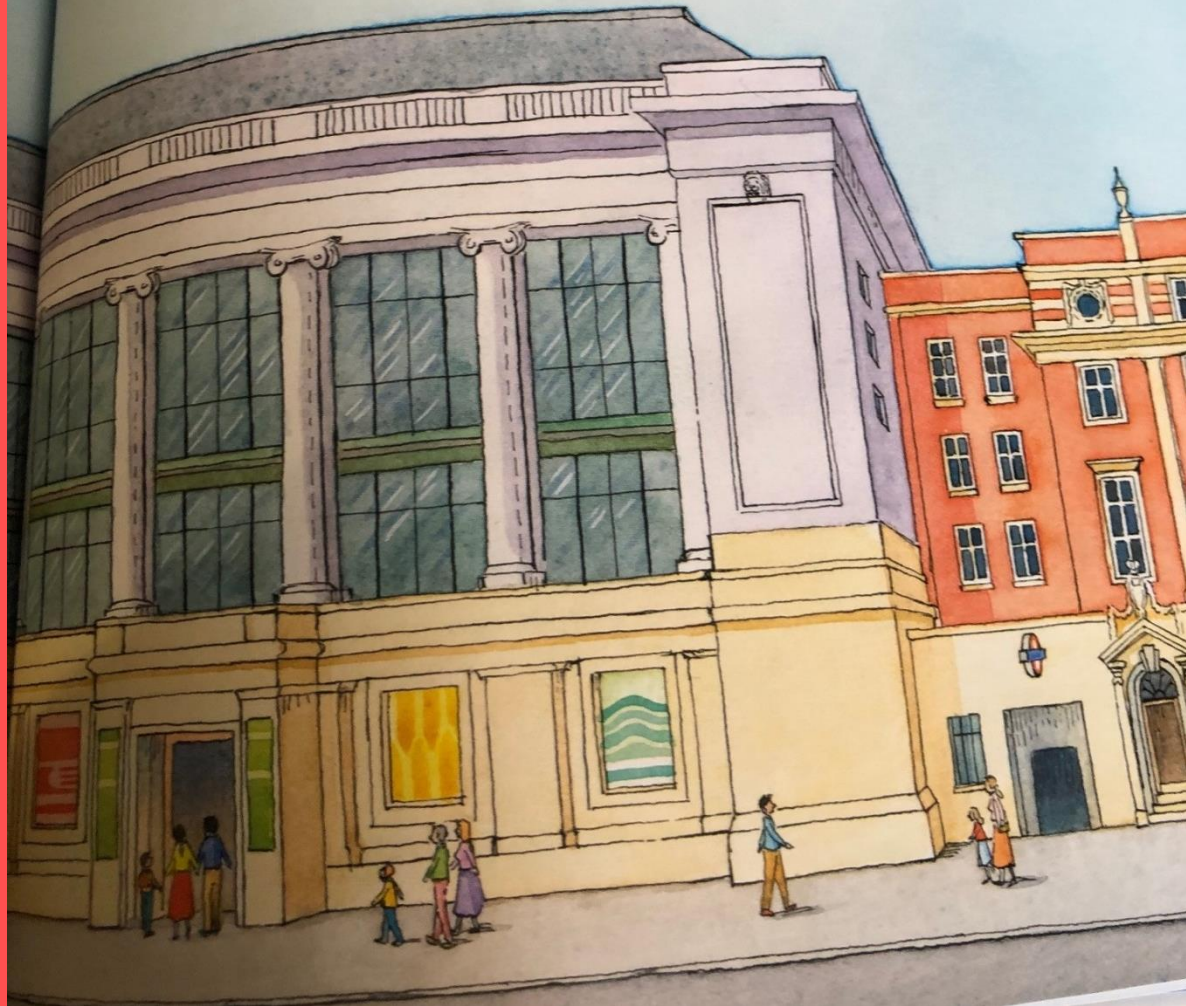


I am at the Science Museum!

There are seven floors with many different galleries to explore. On the ground floor you can interact with the Pattern Pod, copying and making your own patterns. Down in the basement is the Garden Gallery, where young visitors can play with water, light and sound.



On the third floor you can discover the Launchpad, which is full of interactive exhibits. There are games to play and experiments to try.



Click here to look at the Science Museum website

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What to look out for...

You could explore the Science Museum many times and still not see everything! If you visit the museum, here are some things to look out for:



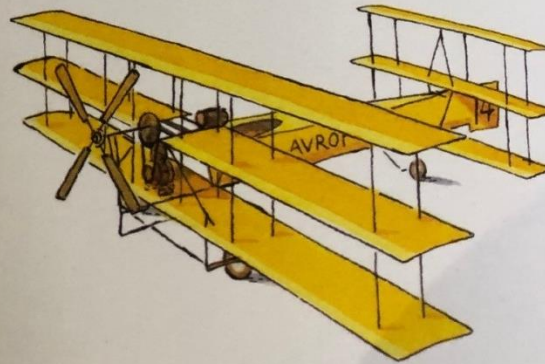
**Apollo 10 Command
Module**



**The Garden
Gallery**



e Launchpad



A V Roe's Triplane

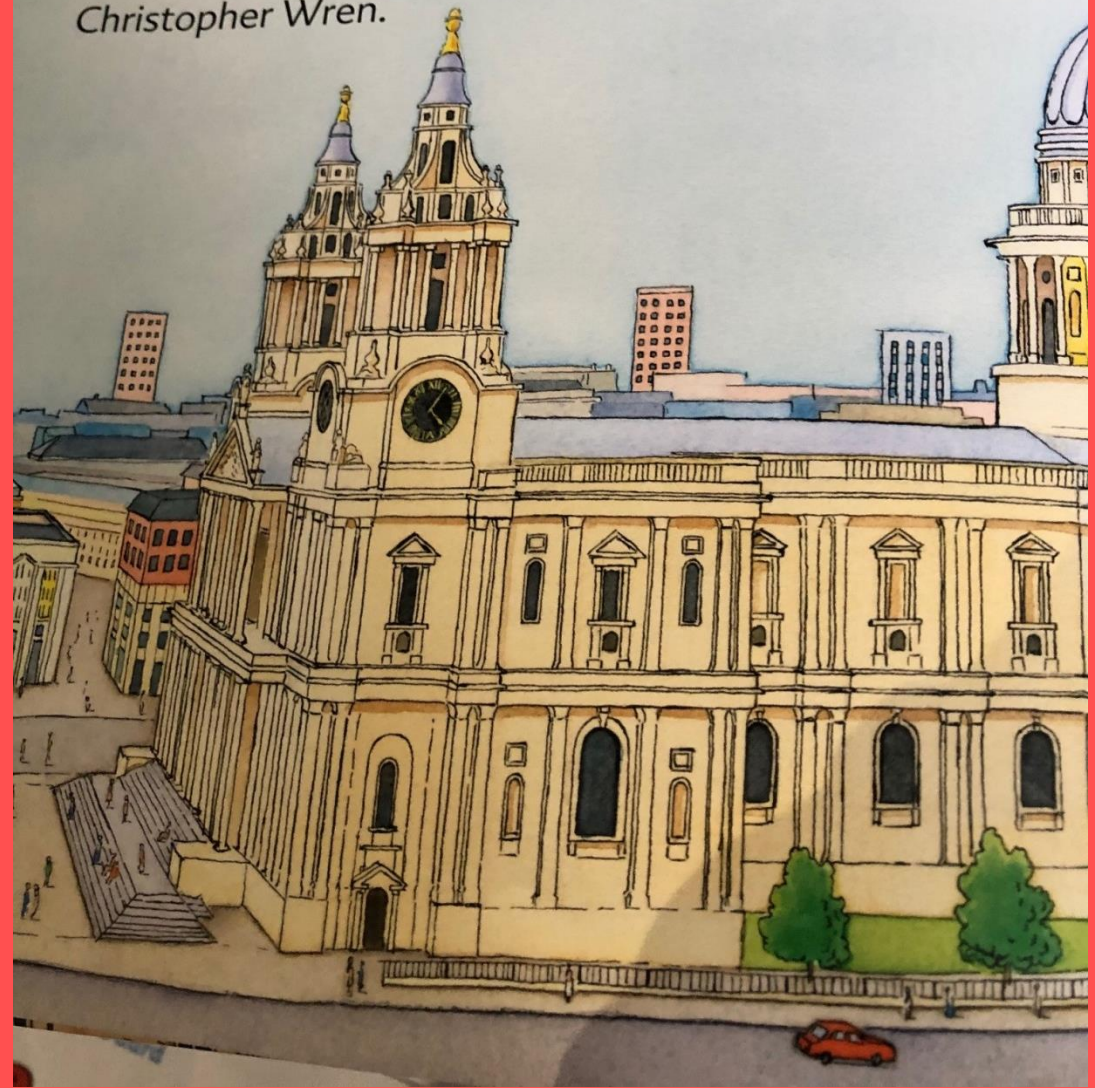
I am standing inside a huge church.
I am looking up at the inside of a large
dome. People are climbing up the stairs on
the inside of the dome and looking down.
A loud, deep bell is ringing.

Where am I?

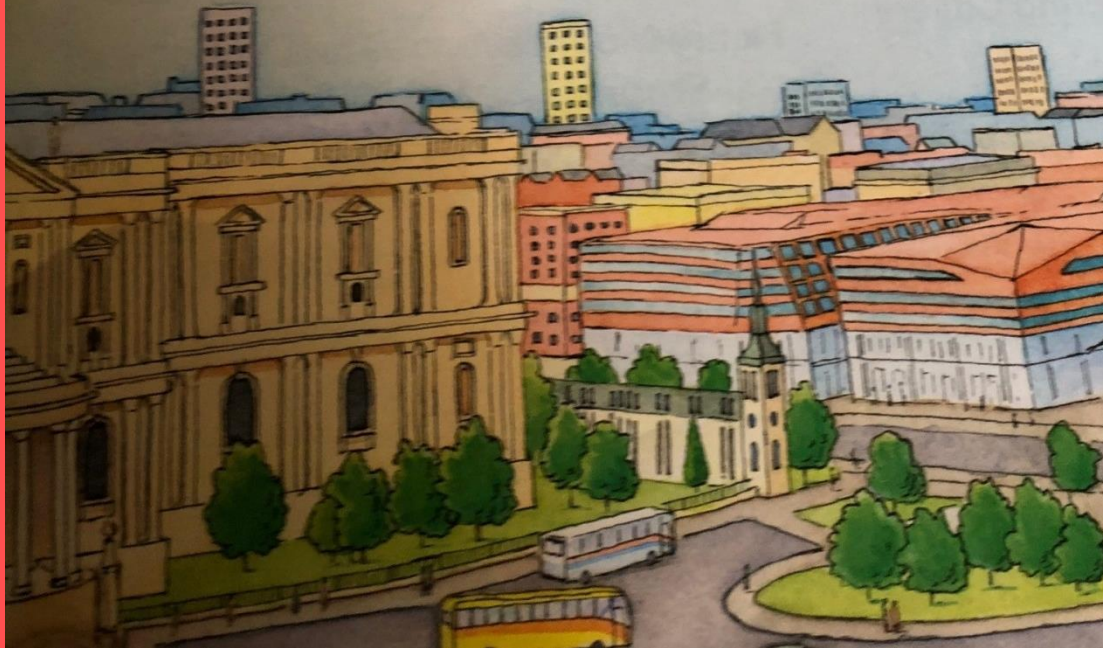


I am in St Paul's Cathedral!

This huge church was built 32 years after a spark from Farryner's bakery caused the Great Fire of London. It was designed by Sir Christopher Wren.



The cathedral's dome is one of the largest in the world. It is 111 metres high. Inside the dome is the Whispering Gallery. If someone whispers on one side of the Gallery you can hear it on the other side. The bell is called Great Paul and it strikes every day at one o'clock.



Click here to take a tour of St Paul's Cathedral



What to look out for...

When you visit St Paul's here are some famous sights to look out for inside and outside the cathedral:



The Whispering Gallery



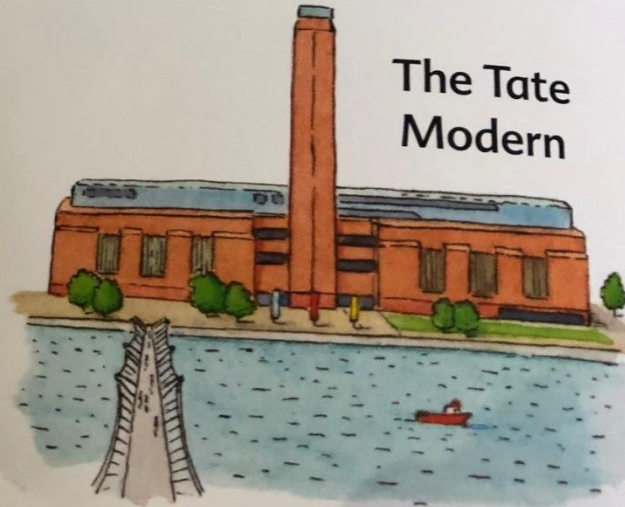
Henry Moore's Statue



The Dome



the Millennium Bridge



The Tate Modern

London quiz

Now you have read the book, can you answer these questions about London?

1. When does the Union flag fly on Buckingham Palace?
2. Where would you find a life-sized model of a blue whale?
3. How old is Trafalgar Square?
4. How high is the London Eye?
5. What are the guards at the Tower of London called?
6. Which museum is the oldest in the world?
7. How many types of animals and birds are there in London zoo?
8. Where in London might you see buskers?
9. Where can you copy and make your own patterns?
10. How high is the dome in St Paul's Cathedral?





Can you make your own book about London from what you have learnt. Remember to write in sentences.

Other activities you can do about the story



You could write postcards from London and make a Grenadier Guard. Click on the picture of the Guards to learn more.

