

LONDON - KEY

1. When and by whom was London founded? **by the Romans over 2000 years ago**
2. Who were the Saxons? **a Germanic tribe**
3. What happened in 1066 ? **William the Conqueror invaded England and made London its capital**
4. What function did the Tower of London have? **to protect the city from invaders; later on it became a prison**
5. What can tourists see there today? **the Crown Jewels, Beefeaters and ravens**
6. Which two events hit London in the middle of the 17th century ? **the Great Fire, the plague**
7. How has London's population changed since World War II ? **more and more immigrants came from former British colonies**
8. When did the London Underground go into operation? **1863**
9. What happened during World War II ? **London was bombed by Germany**
10. What were the reasons for the city's "green belt" ? **to stop the expansion of the city**
11. Which part of London was rebuilt in the 1970s and 1980s? **the Docklands**
12. Name two famous art galleries in London : **National Gallery, Tate Gallery**
13. Why did London become the center of world trade? **it was the biggest colonial power**
14. What task does the Bank of England have ? **controls the country's money supply, responsible for the value of England's currency**
15. How does London cope with flooding from the sea? **the Thames Barrier controls the flow of water**
16. What part of London is the financial center of the city ? **the City**
17. Where is London's theatre district ? **West End**
18. Where are English kings and queens crowned? **Westminster Abbey**
19. Name a few London parks: **Hyde Park, Green Park, St. James Park**
20. What is the prime meridian of the world ? **it divides the world into an eastern and western hemisphere**
21. When did London Eye go into operation ? **1999**
22. What awaits a visitor at Covent Garden? **cafes, restaurants, pubs, street performers**
23. Who built the original Globe Theatre? **Shakespeare's theater company**
24. What is London's main airport for international flights? **Heathrow**