

## City Facts

UNITED KINGDOM //

51° 31' 10" N 0° 7' 40" W

# LONDON

(*lʌndən*) | Main Airport Code: **LHR** | Currency: **£ POUND STERLING** | Time Zone: **GMT**

**"The Big Smoke"**

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE  
**ENGLISH**

MORE THAN  
**300**  
LANGUAGES  
ARE SPOKEN  
IN LONDON'S  
SCHOOLS

*Big Ben's  
chime is in  
the key of* **E**

IT IS ILLEGAL  
TO DIE IN THE  
HOUSES OF  
PARLIAMENT



LANDMARK  
**THE  
ELIZABETH  
TOWER**

*Previously  
called  
"The Clock  
Tower"*

**BIG BEN  
IS THE  
BELL,  
NOT THE  
CLOCK  
TOWER**



Population:

**8.3** MILLION  
PEOPLE  
(2012)

BY 2050, LONDON'S  
POPULATION IS SET  
TO INCREASE MORE  
THAN A THIRD



LONDON BUSES USED TO NOT ALWAYS  
BE RED; DIFFERENT ROUTES USED TO  
HAVE DIFFERENT COLORS

Average Low

 **2-6 °C**  
(35-42 °F)

AVERAGE  
TEMPERATURE

Average High

**14-22 °C**  
(57-71 °F) 

TO PASS THEIR EXAM,  
LONDON CAB DRIVERS  
STUDY STREET NAMES  
FOR 2-4 YEARS

THERE ARE OVER  
**21** UNDERGROUND  
RIVERS IN LONDON



## **Read the poster. Where can you find it?**

1. in a travel guide
2. in a scientific magazine
3. in a library
4. in a compilation of poems

## **2. What we can't learn from the poster:**

- the current official name of Big Ben
- the average temperature in London
- the number of cabs in London
- the number of underground river in London
- the prices in museums
- the names of the biggest shops in London
- the system of education

**3. Read the sentences and write T (True), F (False), NS (Not Stated):**

- a) More than 300 languages are spoken in London's school. T/F/NS.
- b) All London buses are red. T/F/NS.
- c) Average High temperature in London 16-35 °C. T/F/NS.
- d) There are 21 underground rivers in London. T/F/NS.
- e) To pass their exam London cab drivers should pay. T/F/NS.
- f) By 2050 the population of London will significantly decrease. T/F/NS.
- g) The previous name of Elizabeth Tower is “The Clock Tower”. T/F/NS.
- h) There are two official languages in London: English and Spanish.  
T/F/NS.
- i) It is illegal to sleep in the Houses of Parliament. T/F/NS.