

# Welcome to the Capital of Great Britain

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# A Tour Guide Around London



**Hello! Nice to meet you! Welcome to the capital of Great Britain. You have a great opportunity to visit one of the most ancient and beautiful cities in the world.**

# Top London's Attractions



LONDON

# The Tower of London

An aerial photograph of the Tower of London, showing its extensive stone walls, multiple towers, and central buildings. The complex is situated on the north bank of the River Thames, with modern city buildings visible in the background and a large green lawn in the foreground.

The Tower has been part of the capital's history for the past 900 years. The fortress first built by William the Conqueror as a citadel, royal palace, seat of the government. The Tower now protects the Crown Jewels.



# St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's Cathedral is the spiritual centre of the City. It was first built in 1666. The present building is the fifth cathedral to be built on the site. The architect of the baroque-style building was Sir Christopher Wren. St Paul's Cathedral is a fitting final place for many of the nation's heroes.



# Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Square is the popular place for political rallies and meetings. The Admiral Lord Nelson's statue surveys the memorial to his great naval victory in 1805. The Admiral's statue looks towards the House of Parliament. To the other side of the column are fountains.



# Houses of Parliament



Houses of Parliament stands on the River Thames at Westminster. It began in 1840 after a Great Fire of London. It is officially known as the Palace of Westminster. The complex includes the House of Commons, the House of Lords, Westminster Hall, and the 320-foot high Clock Tower. It contains the world-famous sight Big Ben.



# Westminster Abbey

Westminster Abbey has been closely connected with the Crown over 900 years. The Abbey was rebuilt in the 11<sup>th</sup> century by a king Edward the Confessor. The Abbey contains monuments to monarchs. It is the meeting place for Parliament from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> centuries.



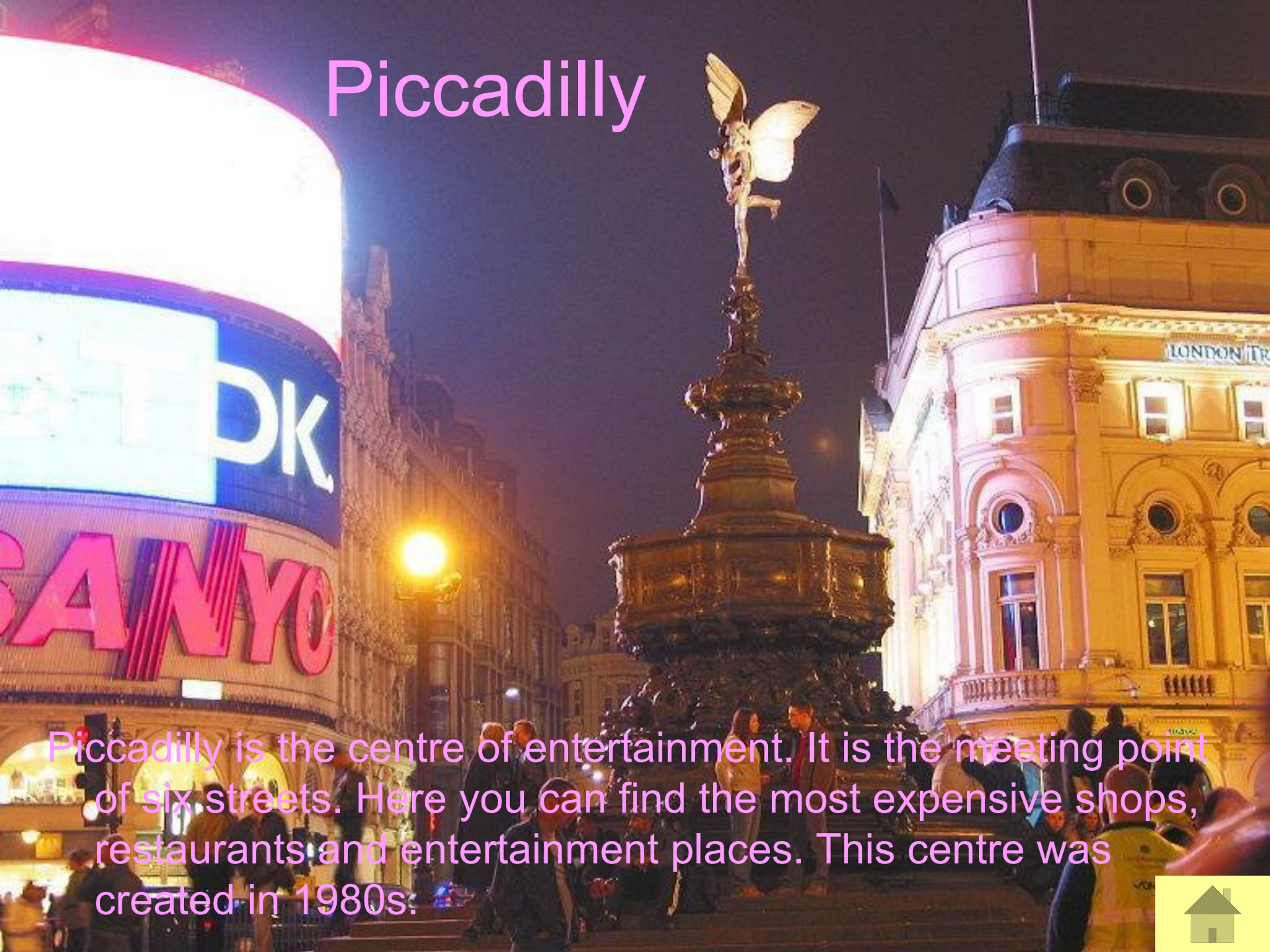


# Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace is the best known royal palace in the world. It was built in 1703. When Her Majesty the Queen is in the residence, the Royal Standard flutters over the east front. The palace is open to public in August and September.



# Piccadilly



Piccadilly is the centre of entertainment. It is the meeting point of six streets. Here you can find the most expensive shops, restaurants and entertainment places. This centre was created in 1980s.



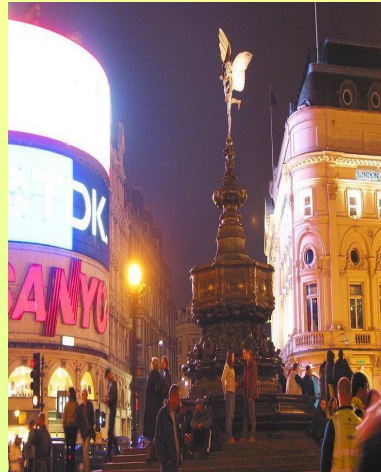
# Exercises on texts

- Do the crossword puzzle
- Match the sights and their names
- Tick the appropriate dates
- Fill in the sentences with the words in the table
- Share your impression on the tour guide around London

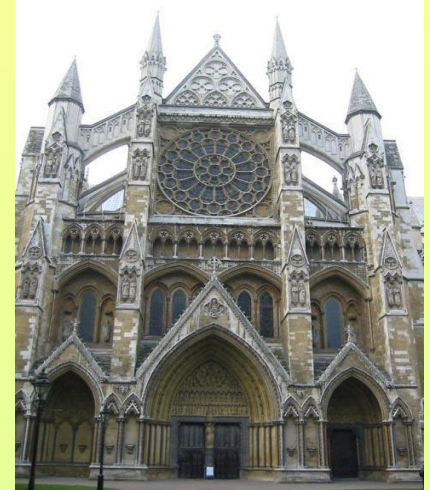
# Match the sights and their names



**The Tower of London**  
**Piccadilly**  
**Westminster Abbey**



**The British Museum**  
**Buckingham Palace**  
**The Houses of Parliament**



# Tick the appropriate dates:

Sights	Dates						
	1666	1840	1703	1980	900 Years ago	11 <sup>th</sup> century	1805
The Tower of London							
St Paul Cathedral							
Houses of Parliament							
Westminster Abbey							
Buckingham Palace							
Admiral Nelson's Statue							
Piccadilly entertainment centre							

Answer

# Check yourself

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St Paul Cathedral	✓						
Houses of Parliament		✓					
Westminster Abbey						✓	
Buckingham Palace			✓				
Admiral Nelson's Statue							✓
Piccadilly entertainment centre				✓			

Fill in the sentences with the words in the table

London	Queen	cities	The Houses of Parliament
Trafalgar Square	Piccadilly Circus	centre	

**Check your answers**

\_\_\_\_\_ is the capital of Great Britain.

London is the one of the largest \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.

There is a Nelson's Column in the centre of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is the meeting point of six streets.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the seat of the British government.

Covent Garden is a fashionable trading \_\_\_\_\_

Buckingham Palace is the London home of the \_\_\_\_\_

# Share your impressions on the Tour Guide Around London

- Use this plan:
- ♥ The places you like most.
- ♥ Where are they in London?
- ♥ The dates connected with the sights.



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