



# Buckingham Palace

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**Buckingham Palace** is a Royal residence.  
It was built in 1703 by Duke of Buckingham.





It is now the official home of Queen Elizabeth and the British Royal Family.







It is a beautiful building which contains six hundred rooms and three miles of red carpets.



It is like a small town with a police station, two post offices, a hospital, a bar, two sport clubs, a disco, a cinema and a swimming pool.





About 700 people work for the Palace.  
Two men look after the 300 clocks.





On the top of the palace there is a flag.  
If it is down, it means that the Queen is  
not at home. But if it's up, it means that  
the Queen is in her residence.





Every day at 11 o'clock in the morning there is a famous ceremony near the Buckingham Palace, This is the changing of the guard.





Many tourists want to see this ceremony, as thirty guardsmen march to the Palace and take the place of the retiring guard











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