

London WebQuest

1) Introductory quiz

Find out some facts about the UK. Look at the website and answer the following questions. You will have to browse the site to find the information.

- What is the nation's current favourite food?
- Where is the 'home' of the sport golf?
- What is the artist Chris Ofili famous for?
- What song is sung on New Year's Eve in the UK?

<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/coolplanet/ontheline/explore/journey/uk/ukindex.htm>

2) Group planning

The second exercise involves orientation. You have arrived at Heathrow Airport and want to travel to London Bridge. Look at the London Transport website and answer the following questions:

- What line(s) do you take to travel from Heathrow to London Bridge?
- Where do you change trains?

<http://journeyplanner.tfl.gov.uk/im/SI-SE.html>

3) Reading

Now let's go and explore one of London's famous legends. Go to the Jack the Ripper walk website, and then follow the link to read the full history of the Jack the Ripper murders. Look at the text and try to put the following events in the correct order (in real time).

<http://www.jack-the-ripper-walk.co.uk/>

a) The killer was never found	
b) Elizabeth Stride was killed	
c) Mary Nicholl's body was found	
d) Louis Deimschutz disturbed the ripper	
e) Catherine Eddowes was attacked	
f) Mary Nicholl's throat was cut	
g) Angry mobs attacked suspects	

4) Grammar – past perfect tense

We use the past perfect to talk about an action in the past which happened before another action in the past. The second action is often in the past tense: *the police arrived*. For example:

- The killer had left before the police arrived.
- a) Work with a partner. Try to explain the difference between the following two sentences:
1. When the police arrived the killer had left.
 2. When the police arrived the killer left.
- b) Work with a partner. Which of the following two statements is true? How do you know?
1. Whitechapel was a quiet place before the Ripper started killing.
 2. Whitechapel had always been a dangerous place even before the Ripper started killing.

5) Reading and history

Visit this 1940s house that has been recreated by the Imperial War Museum and have a look around. Compare the house to the house you live in. What differences and similarities are there? Take some notes. Is the furniture very different? Is there anything you can see or read that indicates that life in 1940 was very different from now? Discuss with a partner.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/london/content/image_galleries/1940s_house_gallery.shtml

6) Reading and culture

You will visit a number of sites in order to find the authors of a number of London books written between 1850 and 1950. Now use the following links to answer the following questions. You may have to search a little.

a) Charles Dickens lived at _____ when he wrote the _____ *Papers*. He moved there in _____ and lived there for _____ years.

<http://www.dickensmuseum.com/>

b) Which writer from the Bloomsbury group wrote a book called *Where Angels Fear to Tread*?

<http://www.mantex.co.uk/ou/a319/bloom-04.htm>

- c) The writer P.G. Wodehouse was famous in particular for two characters. What were those characters' names?
- d) What jobs did the characters do?
- e) What kind of characters were they?

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/P._G._Wodehouse

7) Listening

You are going to listen to an interview with Richard Rogers, the architect who designed London's Lloyds Building and the Millennium Dome. Click on the fourth audio attachment entitled 'the key responsibilities of the architect' and try to answer the questions below.

- What, according to Richard Rogers, is the only reason for cities?
- Which two groups of people is the architect responsible to?
- What, in his opinion, are the problems with cities?
- What does he think that architecture should achieve?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcfour/audiointerviews/profilepages/rogersr1.shtml>

8) Time out

Work in small groups (three to five). You are going to spend 24 hours in London. Where will you go? What will you do? Plan your 24 hours. Make sure you know how to get to each place (use the transport map from task two).

<http://www.timeout.com/london/>

9) London web quiz

In this web lesson the rules are simple. Work in groups of two or three. The first team to answer all of the questions and get all of the information wins. Below there is a list of organizations and websites used to get the information.

- At what gate in which famous tower was the ghost of Sir Thomas Becket seen striking a wall with a crucifix?
- What are the nicknames of the following London football teams: Crystal Palace and West Ham?
- Which two tube stations beginning with a 'w' are best for going to the London Eye?
- Name the dinosaur that lived in England in the Middle Jurassic period, which was carnivorous and could measure up to nine metres long.
- What is the name of the pub in the London soap opera *Eastenders*?
- What is 'Kew Gardens' and where can you find it?

- BBC - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>
- The Tower of London - http://www.camelotintl.com/tower_site/index.html
- Crystal Palace - http://www.c-palace.org/cp_home.htm
- West Ham - <http://www.whufc.com/page/Home>
- London Eye - <http://www.londoneye.com/>
- The Natural History Museum - <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/jdsml/nature-online/dino-directory/>
- Kew - <http://www.kew.org.uk/>