



Unit 6

The history of a city

Cross-curricular – History London

1 Popatrz na okładkę książki. O czym twoim zdaniem jest ta książka?

- a a history of the city
- b ideas for sightseeing
- c pictures of famous places
- d maps of the city
- e all of the above

2 Przeczytaj tekst i sprawdź swoją odpowiedź.

This is London

There are, of course, many books about London. There is also a lot of information on the Internet. But where can you find a brief history of Britain's capital city? There is a book called *This is London*, written especially for English language learners. Here is an extract:



The Romans

The Romans came to London in AD 43. They built a town on the River Thames. They called the town Londinium. Soon, they built a bridge over the river. Londinium grew bigger. Ships came to the town from all over Europe. The Romans built roads from Londinium to other parts of Britain. By the year 400, there were 50,000 people living in the city.

William the Conqueror

In 1066, William the Conqueror came to England. William was the Duke of Normandy in France. He won the Battle of Hastings and he became the King of England. William lived in London but he was afraid of the people of London. He built the White Tower to feel safe. Now it is the tallest part of the Tower of London. Many tourists visit the Tower of London every year. The Crown Jewels – the Queen's gold and jewels – are kept there.

The Great Fire

By 1600, there were more than 200,000 people living in London. The houses were built very close together. They were made of wood. Sometimes there were small fires. On Saturday 2th September 1666 there was a big fire.

It started in the house of the King's baker, in Pudding Lane, near London Bridge. Most of London burnt down. A quarter of a million people lost their homes. But only a few people died.

WORD BOOSTER

Dopasuj wyrazy 1–8 do definicji a–h.

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| 1 baker | a person who takes control of a country by force |
| 2 battle | b hard valuable stones that you wear for decoration |
| 3 bridge | c a fight between two armies in a war |
| 4 brief | d tall narrow building or part of a building |
| 5 conqueror | e person who makes bread or cakes |
| 6 extract | f short, using not many words |
| 7 jewels | g short piece of text taken from e.g. a book |
| 8 tower | h a structure that takes e.g. a road over e.g. a river |

3 Przeczytaj tekst jeszcze raz i wybierz prawidłowe odpowiedzi.

- 1 You can find a lot of information about London ...
 - a on the Internet.
 - b when you're a language learner.
 - c in letters from people who live there.
- 2 The Romans built a town called ...
 - a AD 43.
 - b the Thames.
 - c Londinium.
- 3 The Romans built a bridge and then ...
 - a ships could use the river.
 - b people could come from all parts of Europe.
 - c the town grew bigger.
- 4 William the Conqueror came from ...
 - a Hastings.
 - b France.
 - c London.
- 5 William built the White Tower because he ...
 - a wanted the Crown Jewels to be safe.
 - b wasn't very tall.
 - c wanted to feel safe.
- 6 The Great Fire started ...
 - a when a pudding burnt.
 - b and many people died.
 - c in a house near the river.

4 Odpowiedz na pytania.

Would you like to read this book about London? Why?/Why not?
Which places would you like to see in London?

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i INSIDE INFORMATION

- London's population in 2009 was over 7,500,000.
- London's airports are City, Heathrow and Gatwick.
- The 2012 Olympic Games are in London.