

Workshop:

Reading Comprehension

Levels: A1-A2

Topic:

LONDON

Objective:

To get used to listening and comprehension

Materials:

Handouts- Question sheet-Complete the sentences sheet

Procedure:

1. Hand out the passage to the students.
2. Read the passage slowly and go through difficult vocabulary with the class
3. Ask one student to read the passage once again
4. Hand out the question sheet; each student will have to answer the questions alone.
5. Go through correction with the whole class

THE CITY OF LONDON

London is a federation of thirty small towns. One of them is the City: it is popularly called the "square mile" because it is more little than a square mile in extent. Most insurance and shipping companies, banks and newspapers have their offices there.

Some fifty churches stand in the City. The most famous of them is St. Paul's Cathedral. Many great Englishmen are buried in St. Paul's. We may remember Admiral Nelson, the hero of Trafalgar; the Duke of Wellington that beat the French at Waterloo; Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin and Sir Christopher Wren, the architect that built St. Paul's and the other 52 churches of the City.

The Mayor of the City has the title of Lord Mayor. In official ceremonies he formally represents the whole London.

London is a big city with a population of over 10 million. It is always overcrowded with people hurrying along the streets, jammed with traffic and full of noise. In London, however, a person can easily find "green islands" of peace almost everywhere. Immense parks, public gardens and large open spaces give the impression of being in the country.

Central parks are the most famous: St. James's Park, Regent's Park, Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. The largest of them is Hyde Park; in its centre there is a lake called the Serpentine. There, people can fish or bathe, row boats or sail, play cricket, tennis or football.

Every district of London has its lovely parks, large or small. They are so many that it is difficult even for Londoners to know and enjoy them all. On Saturdays and Sundays many people spend the whole day walking and resting in a park. They feel happy because they are far from the bustle of the town and can enjoy the peace of nature only some yards from the central parts of the town itself.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AFTER THE PASSAGE

1. London is a federation of.....
2. The City is popularly called.....
3. The most famous church in the City is.....
4. Many great Englishmen are buried there:.....
5. Sir Christopher Wren built.....
6. In official ceremonies the Lord Mayor.....
7. Green islands in London are.....
8. The most famous London parks are.....
9. On Saturdays and Sundays many people.....

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What are London parks full of?
2. Name four of the most important London parks
3. What can you find in Hyde Park?

MAKE A SUMMARY

Summarise the passage according to the points suggested below:

- The "green islands" of London
- London parks on Sundays

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