



London Landmarks

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London is the capital city of England. It has many landmarks.



Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace is the London home of the British king or queen.



Big Ben

Big Ben is the name of a large bell. It is inside a clock tower called the Elizabeth Tower. It is the same height as 21 London buses!



River Thames

The River Thames is a natural landmark. It runs through London.



The Tower of London

The Tower of London was used as a palace and a prison. All coins used to be made here. The Crown Jewels are still guarded here today.

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- ☐ Scotland
- ☐ Wales

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- ☐ Big Ben
- ☐ Elizabeth Tower
- ☐ Buckingham Palace

4. Which river runs through London? Tick one.

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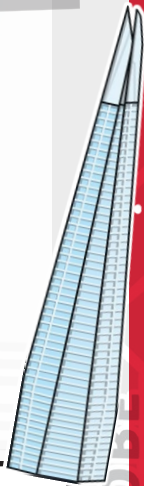
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What Is a Landmark?

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A natural landmark that runs through London is the River Thames. People used the Thames to transport things when there were no roads.

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- ☐ Big Ben
- ☐ River Thames
- ☐ Tower of London

2. Draw **three** lines and match each question to its answer.

Where did coins used
to be made?

the Crown Jewels

What is still guarded in the
Tower of London today?

a palace and a prison

What was the Tower of
London used as?

Tower Mint

3. What is Big Ben? Tick one.

- ☐ a river
- ☐ a bell
- ☐ a castle
- ☐ a park

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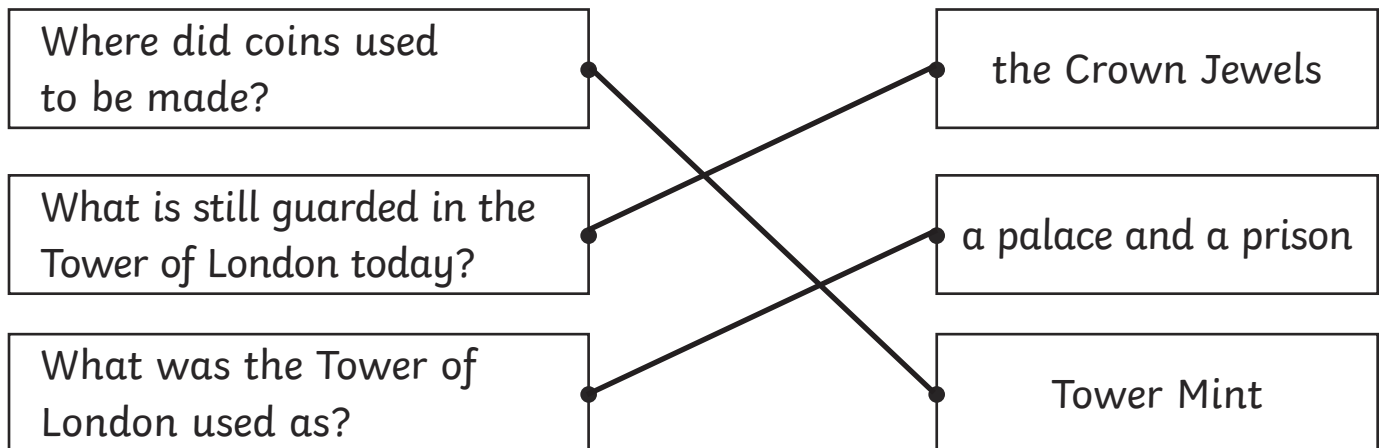
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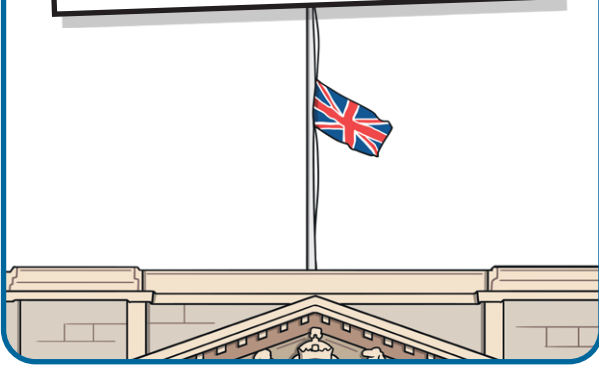
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- ☐ jewels
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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the Crown Jewels are guarded so that they are not stolen or damaged because they are very expensive.