

DEADLINE: send these activities before Monday, May 4th.

READING: read the following text and do the exercises below.

The Thames

Geography

The Thames flows through southern England, including central London, into the North Sea. It is 346 km long, making it the longest river in England.

History

People have used the Thames for thousands of years. They have taken food and water from it, travelled on it and used it for entertainment. For the Celts (750 BC-43 AD), the river was sacred. Gold and silver were thrown into the river as gifts to the river god. The Romans (43 AD-410 AD) recognised the economic importance of the Thames and used it for travel and transport. The Romans built the first bridge over the river, and the city of London was born. Since then, London has been the capital city of England. Some of the most important landmarks in England were built on the banks of the Thames.

The Route

A boating trip on the Thames gives you a chance to become familiar with England's most famous river. We begin at Westminster Pier, on the north bank of the Thames. You can see the Houses of Parliament with Big Ben's famous tower. Nearby is Westminster Abbey. England's kings and queens are crowned here. We pass St Paul's Cathedral and London Bridge and then we see two of London's most important landmarks: Tower Bridge and the Tower of London, in the past a famous prison and today a museum and home of the Crown Jewels. The route ends in the historic town of Greenwich.

Did you know?

- The origin of the river's name is a mystery. It might come from the Celtic name Tamesas, meaning "dark" or from the Roman words Tam ("wide") and Isis ("water").
- In Medieval times, suspected witches were thrown into the Thames. Disobedient wives were tied onto a chair and lowered into the river three times.
- Today, the Thames is one of the cleanest rivers in Europe, but during the 1800s the river was polluted. From 1831 to 1866, 35,000 people died because of the pollution in the river.

1. Find the words of these definitions

Connected with God (lines 3-10)

Opportunity (lines 11-19)

A way from one place to another (lines 11-19)

The beginning of something (Did you know?)

Dirty, contaminates (Did you know?)

2. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEXT

- How have people used the river?
- What buildings can you see from the Thames?
- Which big body of water does the Thames flow into?
- Why did the Celts throw gifts into the river?
- How long is the River Thames?
- Where do you end your trip on the Thames?
- What did the Romans use the river for?

3. SAY IF THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES ARE TRUE OR FALSE. WHICH SENTENCES HELPED YOU ANSWER?

- There are longer rivers than the Thames in England.
- Big Ben is near Westminster Abbey
- People know why the river is called Thames.
- In the past, the Thames was always very clean.

VOCABULARY

1. WHAT DO THESE WORDS MEAN? TRANSLATE THEM INTO SPANISH AND CLASSIFY THEM.

Bank
Bridge
Cannel
Capital city
Cave
Cliff
Coast
Construct

Continent
Create
Design
Develop
Discover
East
Field
Improve

Landmark
North
Operate
Plan
Prepare
Produce
South
West

DIRECTIONS	GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES	VERBS

2. USE WORDS FROM THE PREVIOUS EXERCISE TO NAME THE FOLLOWING PICTURES



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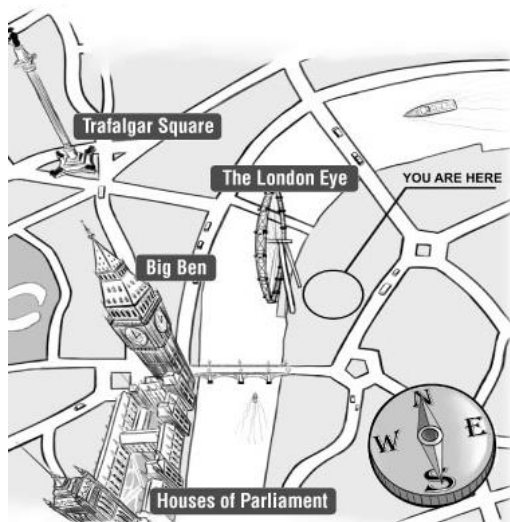
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3. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. London is the **capital city** / landmark / field of England.
2. Which **cliff** / coast / continent has got the most countries?
3. The **cave** / field / continent is under the ground.
4. Asia is **north** / east / west of Europe.
5. The ship is too big to sail through the **channel** / bank / bridge.

4. LOOK AT THE MAP. THEN COMPLETE THE DIALOGUE WITH THE WORDS BELOW:

North – South – West – Banks – Landmark



- Tourist: Excuse me. What's this?
- Resident: This is the London Eye. It's a famous London ¹_____.
- Tourist: Oh. That's nice. I'm in London for the day and I don't know where to go. What is that river?
- Resident: That's the River Thames. It's lovely to walk along the ²_____ of the river.
- Tourist: What else should I see? Which direction should I walk?
- Resident: If you walk ³_____, you'll see a bridge. That's Westminster Bridge. Go ⁴_____ on the bridge and you'll see Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.
- Tourist: Oh, good. I want to see them.
- Resident: After that, you can walk ⁵_____ to Trafalgar Square. It's fun to watch the people there.



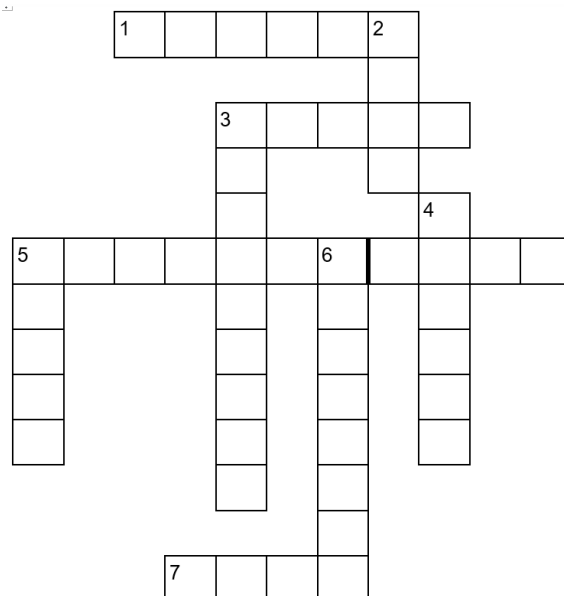
5. COMPLETE THE PUZZLE ACCORDING TO THE CLUES BELOW.

Across →

1. Cross the ... to go over the river.
3. New York City is on the Atlantic ... of the USA.
5. Paris is the ... of France.
7. You can walk along the ... of the River Thames.

Down ↓

2. The sun rises in the ...
3. Europe is a ...
4. Farmers plant vegetables in ...
5. Bears live in ...
6. The Eiffel Tower is a famous ...



LISTENING: the listening will be uploaded to the blog this week.