

While you listen

The *Britain is Great* series tells you about some of the things that make Britain so great. There's a lot of fun facts – and lots of good language, too. See if you can answer the questions while you watch the video.

Comprehension Task 1: What did Richard do in the video? Choose the answers that are true.

1. He admired the view.
2. He gave some statistics about British heritage.
3. He got dressed up.
4. He got knocked to the floor.
5. He learnt a new skill.
6. He learnt about a downside of medieval life.
7. He looked around the Houses of Parliament.
8. He saw some of the sights of London.
9. He went on a boat tour.

Comprehension Task 2: Match the halves of the sentences according to what you heard in the video.

1. Regent Street...
 2. The city's financial district...
 3. The Houses of Parliament building...
 4. The London Eye ...
 5. The London Gherkin...
 6. The River Thames...
 7. Warwick Castle...
- a) is one of the biggest of its kind in the world.
 - b) separates Mayfair and Soho.
 - c) goes through the heart of the city.
 - d) has over three million visitors a year.

- e) dominates the London skyline.
- f) is otherwise known as 30, St Mary Axe.
- g) dates back over a thousand years.

Language Task 1 - Write the missing words to make sentences from the video.

1. There are so many places to visit - how to fit it all _____?
2. Hop _____ and off an open-top bus.
3. The river cuts _____ the heart of the city.
4. Let's step back _____ time.
5. The castle dates _____ almost 1100 years.
6. I'm _____ good company.
7. I'm dressed _____ a gentleman from the 1620s.
8. Break it _____ guys! That's enough fighting!

Language Task 2 - "Visit Warwick Castle and step back in time". Here are some more sentences from a guidebook. Match the halves.

1. Climb to the top of the battlements and admire
 2. Discover how
 3. Now you can experience for yourself
 4. Pluck up your courage and venture
 5. Take some time to relax and wander
 6. Treat yourself to
 7. Visit our display of weaponry and feel
 8. Witness a battle re-enactment
- a) the sounds and smells of a medieval castle.
 - b) with your own eyes.
 - c) the panoramic views.
 - d) the weight of a medieval sword.
 - e) weapons were made a thousand years ago.
 - f) into the gloomy dungeons.
 - g) around the beautiful gardens.
 - h) a tasteful souvenir from the gift shop.

Comprehension Task 1: True: 1; 2; 3; 5; 6; 8; False: 4; 7; 9
Language Task 1: 1.in; 2.on; 3.through; 4.in; 5.back; 6.in; 7.as; 8.up

Comprehension Task 2: 1.b; 2.e; 3.a; 4.d; 5.f; 6.c; 7.g
Language Task 2: 1.c; 2.e; 3.a; 4.f; 5.g; 6.h; 7.d; 8.b

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