

London's secret garden

London has many well-known landmarks, but it also has its hidden gems. In this video, you can learn about a garden paradise in the heart of the UK capital.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises. You can also read the transcript.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. a local
2. a blitz
3. a steeple
4. remains
5. situated
6. enchanting
7. to serve as a reminder
8. tucked away

Definition

- a. a church tower
- b. in a quiet or hidden place
- c. located
- d. to help people remember
- e. a person who lives in a particular area
- f. very interesting and attractive
- g. a military attack, usually with bombs
- h. what is left after something has been damaged or destroyed

Task 1

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

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|---------|-------|---------------|---------------|
| 1100 | 1666 | Bridge | public garden |
| steeple | Tower | World War Two | |

1. St Dunstan-in-the-East was built in around
2. It was seriously damaged by fire in
3. It was hit by a bomb during
4. It was almost destroyed, but two walls and the remained standing.
5. It was turned into a after the war.
6. It is located between the of London and London

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

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| direct hit | left behind | remains hidden |
| serve as a reminder of | tucked away | turned into |

1. Pirates have searched for the treasure for centuries, but it to this day.
2. The soldiers couldn't bring all the supplies, so they some of their weapons.
3. The hairy green caterpillar the most beautiful red butterfly.
4. There was one extra pack of biscuits at the back of the cupboard.
5. The warship received a and began sinking quickly.
6. The class photo will our classmates.

Discussion

Are there any interesting places where you live that most people don't know about?

Transcript

Located in central London is a public park that remains hidden to even the locals.

The medieval-style church of St Dunstan-in-the-East was built in around 1100, and has had a long, 900-year-old history.

In 1666, it was rebuilt after being damaged in the Great Fire of London. Then, during World War Two, a direct hit during the London Blitz destroyed a majority of the structure, leaving behind only the north and south walls and steeple. Instead of rebuilding once again, the city of London decided to turn the remains of St Dunstan-in-the-East into the public garden which is accessible today – if you know where to look.

Tucked away from the main road, the garden is situated between the Tower of London and London Bridge. The green, ivy-covered walls, trees and flowers offer an enchanting escape from the city and serve as a reminder of London's history.

Answers

Preparation task

1. e
2. g
3. a
4. h
5. c
6. f
7. d
8. b

Task 1

1. 1100
2. 1666
3. World War Two
4. steeple
5. public garden
6. Tower | Bridge

Task 2

1. remains hidden
2. left behind
3. turned into
4. tucked away
5. direct hit
6. serve as a reminder of