

Word on the Street

History Scene 1

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the video. What places in London do we see? Choose five places.

- a) Paddington train station
- b) St Paul's Cathedral
- c) Piccadilly Circus
- d) London Bridge
- e) Tower Bridge
- f) Hyde Park
- g) Trafalgar Square
- h) Madame Tussauds

Activity 2

Watch the video again. Complete the extracts with the information about Piccadilly Circus, Tower Bridge and Trafalgar Square.

Piccadilly Circus

Stephen: Did you know that Piccadilly Circus was built in _____ to connect Regent Street and the major shopping street of Piccadilly? The fountain, with its famous statue of the Greek god Eros, was added in _____.

Tower Bridge

Stephen: Tower Bridge was built between _____ and ...

Ash: And you know that song, 'London Bridge is falling down'? Well, most people think it's about this bridge, but actually it's about another bridge.

Stephen: ... and it was painted _____ to match the colour of the Queen's eyes.

Trafalgar Square

Stephen: Did you know the column is _____ .5 metres tall from the ground to the tip of the Admiral's hat? It was built between 1840 and ...

Ash: Did you know that one of the statues in the Square changes once a _____ to a new piece of art? At the moment, it's that big blue one over there.

Activity 3

Read the information. Then use the correct infinitives with 'to' to complete the sentences from the video.

- a) to go
- b) to be
- c) to meet
- d) to mean
- e) to arrive
- f) to match
- g) to connect
- h) to be

1. We're waiting for Tristan's friend Jay Marie _____ from the airport.
2. It's great _____ you.
3. It's so awesome _____ in London.

4. Let's drop off your bags and we're ready _____.
5. Piccadilly Circus was built in 1819 _____ Regent Street and Piccadilly.
6. British people say 'It's like Piccadilly Circus' _____ that somewhere is busy and fully of people.
7. Tower Bridge was painted blue _____ the colour of the Queen's eyes.
8. Who do you want _____ our guide? Me or Ashlie?

Discussion

Think about the following questions:

- What things do you like to see when you visit a city for the first time?
- Do you find it difficult to understand different accents, such as British and American accents, in English?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

Activity 1

Correct answers: a), b), c), e), g)

Activity 2

Piccadilly Circus

Stephen: Did you know that Piccadilly Circus was built in 1819 to connect Regent Street and the major shopping street of Piccadilly? The fountain, with its famous statue of the Greek god Eros, was added in 1893.

Tower Bridge

Stephen: Tower Bridge was built between 1886 and ...

Ash: And you know that song, 'London Bridge is falling down'? Well, most people think it's about this bridge, but actually it's about another bridge.

Stephen: ... and it was painted blue to match the colour of the Queen's eyes.

Trafalgar Square

Stephen: Did you know the column is 51.5 metres tall from the ground to the tip of the Admiral's hat? It was built between 1840 and ...

Ash: Did you know that one of the statues in the Square changes once a year to a new piece of art? At the moment, it's that big blue one over there.

Activity 3

1. to arrive
2. to meet
3. to be
4. to go
5. to connect
6. to mean
7. to match
8. to be