

# Oddizzi World Explorers

KS1 Week 10 - Country close up



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## Map skills

Can you name the capitals, seas and oceans of the United Kingdom?

Label the capital cities, seas and oceans of the United Kingdom on the **UK capitals, seas and oceans** map. If you live in the UK can you add where you live on the map?

## Online investigator



Login to [www.oddizzi.com](http://www.oddizzi.com) and click on *explore the world - places - Europe - United Kingdom - Northern Ireland*

Look through the information on Northern Ireland's human and physical features. On your **Name Northern Ireland's physical and human features** sheet, fill in the feature types. Can you also sort the features into human and physical?

## Quiz time

Login to [www.oddizzi.com](http://www.oddizzi.com).

Click on **Quiz** at the top of the page. Find the **United Kingdom** quiz. We suggest trying **Level 1**.

See how many points you can score!

## Putting pen to paper

Login to [www.oddizzi.com](http://www.oddizzi.com) and click on *explore the world - places - Europe - United Kingdom*

Write a **letter** to someone famous who lives outside of the UK. Persuade them to visit one of the four UK countries. Why should they visit? Which famous sites would you take them to?

## What if...

Discuss this made up scenario with your family over breakfast or dinner.

**What if...London wasn't the capital of England?**



## Watch this

Login to [www.oddizzi.com](http://www.oddizzi.com) and click on *explore the world - country close up - United Kingdom - landscape - human features - castles - castle gallery*

**Watch** : English castles

1. Can you spot a castle overlooking the sea and in the middle of a city?
2. Which castles have a moat?
3. Which castle is your favourite and why?

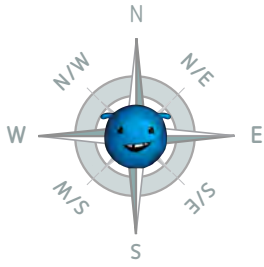
## Read it

Read the guided reading text **London** (Year 1 or Year 2).

You might like to read this with an adult.

Once you have finished, answer the questions.

# UK Capitals, Seas and Oceans



## Can you label the map?

London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast

English Channel, North Sea, Irish Sea, North Atlantic Ocean



# Name Northern Ireland's physical and human features



Belfast



Carrickfergus Castle



Giant's Causeway



Lough Neagh



Portrush



Killyleagh



Slieve Donard



River Foyle

Castle  
City Hall

Coast  
Harbour

Lake  
Mountain

River  
Village



# Northern Ireland - human or physical features?



Cut along the dotted lines. Sort the pictures into human and physical features.



**City Hall**

Belfast



**Castle**

Carrickfergus Castle



**Coast**

Giant's Causeway



**Lake**

Lough Neagh



**Harbour**

Portrush



**Village**

Killyleagh



**Mountain**

Slive Donard



**River**

River Foyle



# Northern Ireland - human or physical features?

**Human Features**

**Physical Features**



## London is the capital city of England. It's the biggest city in the UK!

London has many famous buildings – like Buckingham Palace.



Buckingham Palace



The London Eye

The River Thames flows through London.

Have you seen the London Eye? It's a really big wheel by the River.

In the Great Fire of London, about 350 years ago, lots of houses burnt down.

London is changing all the time. A new tower called the Shard is the tallest in Europe!



Spot the Shard!



Deer in Richmond Park

People in London travel in red, double-decker buses or black taxis. The underground railway called the 'Tube' is popular too.

This city has many museums and parks to visit.

The largest park in London is Richmond Park.

### Key words:

capital

city

palace

Thames

underground

## Guided Reading - London Discussion Sheet

### **Before Reading – Prediction activity**

Ask your students these questions before and after reading the text. Have students skim the text to help with prediction before reading.

1. What do you think you are going to read about?
2. Have you ever visited London?

**During Reading** – Help with pronunciation, understanding and decoding.

**After Reading** – Have students complete the following activities on an erasable white board or on a blank sheet of paper. Students should share responses after each question. You can document responses below.

3. Can you name or draw something you would find in London?
4. Write a word from this text that you have never read before.

Notes:

# LONDON

## Finish the sentences.

1. The River Thames flows through \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. This \_\_\_\_\_ has many museums and parks to visit.

## Tick the answer.

3. What colour are double-decker buses in London?

Green

White

Red

Brown

4. What is the largest park in London?

Victoria Park

Richmond Park

Hyde Park

The Regent's

## Answer the question below.

5. What is the tallest tower in Europe called?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Tell Odd one thing you know about London.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_







# LONDON

## 1. Draw lines to fix the broken sentences.

|                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| The River Thames                     | all the time.         |
| London is changing                   | by the river.         |
| The London Eye is a really big wheel | flows through London. |

## 2. Name three things you can find in the city of London.

Buildings \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## 3. The capital letters and full stop are missing. Put them back in.

the largest park in london is richmond park

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Choose a word from the box to finish the sentences.

park                      city                      place                      Palace

London is the capital \_\_\_\_\_ of England.

London has many famous buildings – like Buckingham

\_\_\_\_\_

# LONDON

## The capital city

London is the capital city of England. It's the biggest city in the UK: over eight million people live there. London is the home of the UK Parliament – and the Queen lives there too.

Around 300 different languages are spoken in this city!



The Palace of Westminster, home of the UK Parliament

## On the river

London began as a Roman settlement on the River Thames. The wide river made it easy to trade goods.

Lots of famous buildings are found along the river, such as Tower Bridge, the Tower of London (a historic castle) and the London Eye (a really big wheel!).



The River Thames meanders through London



The Queen lives in Buckingham Palace

## A place in history

Lots of important events have happened in London, including the Great Fire of London in 1666. The bombs of the Second World War – the blitz – also left their mark.

Today, you can visit many historic buildings, churches and royal palaces. And don't forget about London's wonderful museums!

## A changing city

New buildings appear in London every year: the Shard, a 95-storey skyscraper, is the tallest building in Europe! Inside, you'll find offices, restaurants and a hotel.

Central London has a steel 'wobbly bridge' built for people, not cars. When it first opened, the Millennium Bridge wobbled a bit too much!



A view of London's Shard

# LONDON

## Green London

With its many parks and paths, London is a really green city.

You might spot water voles, bats or foxes. In the River Thames, you can find eels, oysters and wild salmon.



Deer roam around in Richmond Park, London's largest

## Underground, overground

How do people get around this huge city? Some use the famous London red buses or take taxis ('black cabs'). Many travel on the 'Tube' – an underground railway. London was the first city in the world to have an underground railway: it opened in 1863!

There are eleven different lines on the London Underground, including the:

- Bakerloo
- Jubilee
- Piccadilly
- Victoria



Londoners get around underground, on the Tube

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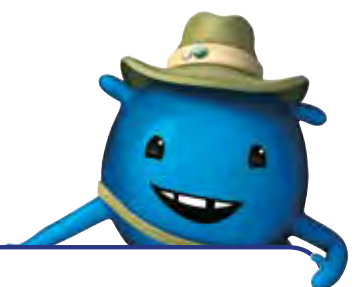
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## The capital city

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People come to London from all over the world: around 300 different languages are spoken in this city!



The Palace of Westminster, home of the UK Parliament

## On the river

London began life as Londinium – a Roman settlement on the River Thames. The wide river made it easy to trade goods there.

Lots of the city's famous landmarks are found on the river, such as Tower Bridge, the Tower of London (a historic castle) and the London Eye (a really big wheel).



The River Thames meanders through London



The Queen lives in Buckingham Palace

## A places in history

Over the centuries, London has seen many historic events, including the Black Death in 1665 and the Great Fire of London in 1666. The 'blitz' – the bombs of the Second World War – also left its mark.

Today, you can visit many historic buildings, such as churches and royal palaces, to find out about London's past.

## A changing city

Like the River Thames, London doesn't stand still. New buildings appear every year: the Shard, a new 95-storey skyscraper, is the tallest building in Europe! Inside, you'll find offices, restaurants and a hotel.

Central London has a modern steel 'wobbly bridge' built for people, not cars. When it first opened, the Millennium Bridge wobbled a bit too much, but engineers soon sorted that out.



A view of London's Shard

# LONDON

## Green London

With its many parks, cycle-ways and river paths, London is a really green city, and great for wildlife. You might spot water voles by the river, bats or urban (city) foxes.

Eels, oysters and wild salmon all live in the Thames: it's one of the cleanest city rivers in the world.



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London has railways above ground too, including the Docklands Light Railway, where the trains drive themselves!



Londoners get around underground, on the Tube

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palace

parliament

skyscraper

underground

# Check Your Understanding - London

1. Which sentences are true and which are false?  
Tick the answer.

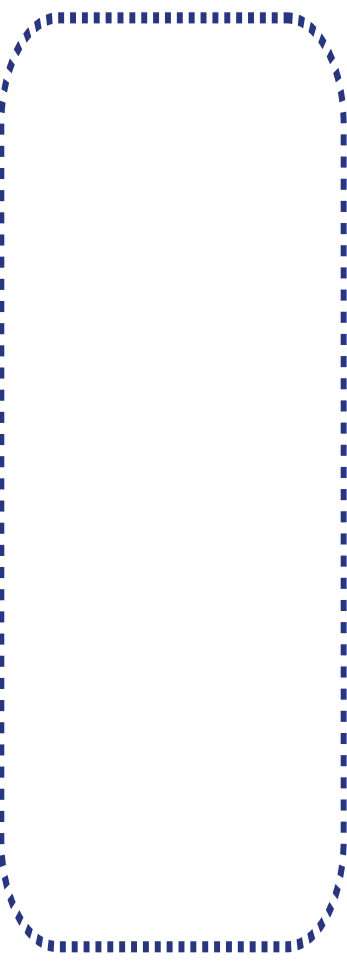
| Sentence   | True | False |
|--|------|-------|
| London is the capital city of Wales.                                   |      | ✓     |
| The Millennium Bridge is only for cars.                                |      |       |
| There are very few parks in London.                                    |      |       |
| London was the first city in the world to have an underground railway. |      |       |
| There are eleven different lines on the London Underground.            |      |       |

2. Give two advantages of London's location on the River Thames.  
\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
3. What would you like to see and do on a day out in London?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. How many different languages are spoken in London?  
Tick the answer.

10       300   
100       3,000

5. Draw one of London's famous buildings below. Label it.



6.  *Tell me, Odd, one thing you have learned about London that you didn't know before.*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Extension Activity:** You've just returned from a school trip to London. Write Odd and Izzi a postcard telling them what you saw.

# Vocabulary Builder - London



1. Name one human feature in London.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Think of two words to describe the city of London.

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

3. Draw a line to link each key word to its definition.

### Terms

### Definitions

Parliament

A place where people live.

Roman

A place to debate new laws and the work of the Government.

Settlement

Something created by the people of the ancient Roman Empire.

4. Circle the adjectives and underline the nouns below.

a) Lots of important events have happened in London.

b) Today, you can visit many historic buildings.

5. Choose two of the key words below and write a new sentence for each.

**government**    **landmark**    **historic**    **skyscraper**

| Word                       | Sentence                              |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Example:</i><br>capital | Cardiff is the capital city of Wales. |
|                            | _____                                 |
|                            | _____                                 |

6. Make the sentence below more descriptive.

London is big. → \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Explore Text Features



1. What type of text is this? How do you know?

Complete the sentences.

This is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ text. I know

this because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the main title of the text?



3. Find a subtitle and copy it below.

4. How do the subtitles help you understand the text?

Subtitles help me understand the text because...

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Draw a new picture and write a caption for it.

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6. Why are captions generally included below pictures linked to a text?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Create your own key words! Choose five words from the text that you think are very important.

Key words:





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Five vertical lines for writing.

A square box for drawing or illustration.