

Year 1: Famous London Landmarks

Knowledge Organiser

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Vocabulary

Big Ben: a large bell in the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament in London

Decade: a period of ten years

Parliament: Group of people who make the laws in the House of Parliament

Past: talk about events that have happened over the years- the set of all events that happened before a given point in time.

Present: events taking place now. How past events affect the present

Shard: tallest building in the United Kingdom. Named after piece of glass.

Tower Bridge: Popular tourist attraction going across the River Thames. The bridge opens and closes to let boats and ships through.

Famous Landmarks In London



What we will learn by the end of the unit

By the end of this unit, we will:

- Look at **old** and **new London** landmarks and investigate **when** they were built, **who** built them, **why** it was built and **why** people go to visit them.
- Use timelines** to plot when landmarks were built using historical vocabulary.
- Write simple captions **describing** key information such as, years, a long time ago, decades etc.
- Draw** and **map out** landmarks using simple keys

Top facts about Landmarks in London

Big Ben

Building of Big Ben was finished on 31st May, 1859.

The nickname Big Ben is the name of the largest bell in the tower.

There are four clock faces on Big Ben.

The original office name for Big Ben was the Clock Tower, but in 2012 it was renamed to

Elizabeth Tower to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II (The Queen).



Tower Bridge

It crosses the River Thames near the Tower of London.

It is a drawbridge, which lets ships through the bridge deck when the deck is raised in the centre at an angle.

Opened on the 30th June 1894



The Shard

Tallest building in the United Kingdom.

The Shard is called by its name for the reason that it was modelled to look like a shard of glass.

Building of the Shard began on March 16, 2009.

The 72- floor building was finished March 30, 2012, reaching a height of 306 meters.

