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Annotation

Aim of work is learning of English history, culture , historical monuments , knowledge of new things about English life. Every topic has a lot of questions for students. Students finds new information from British life , differences in British family , something about history ad about life in London and its famous places. There are also information about tradition in England. It is very useful for all students .



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1 British Royal family



students get some information about British Royal family



Basic Information

„The British Royal Family is over 1,000 years old. Queen Elisabeth II. is the fifty – fourth monarch since King Alfred in the ninth century. The Queen lives in Buckingham Palace in London. She also spends time in two other castles in England. She stays in Balmoral Castle in Balmoral Castle in summer.

Her husband is Prince Philip. They have got four children and seven grandchildren. The Queen ´s oldest son is Prince Charles. He has two sons from his marriage to Princess Diana / 1961 – 1997 /. Charles is now married to Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall.

The queen works very hard. She visits a lot of different countries and she welcomes hundreds of visitors to Buckingham Palace every year. She is head of 620 charities. She also discusses politics with the Prime Minister / **David Cameron** / of the United Kingdom at 6. 30 in the evening every Tuesday.

The Queen loves dogs and horses. At the moment , she has 14 dogs and 30 racehorses. The Queen doesn´t have a lot of free time, but she loves going to the horse races in May and June.

Queen Elisabeth II. was born on 21 April 1926 in London. Her full name is **Elisabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor**. She is from the House of Windsor.

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Queen Elisabeth II. is a head of the state and also a head of the Anglican Church.



Picture no. 1 : Queen Elisabeth II.



1 Tim Falla, Paul A Davies : Maturita Solutions, Elementary, page No.10, Oxford University Press, Student's Book



Students answer these questions :



Task 1 :

Can you write how many children does the Queen Elisabeth II. have ?



Task 2 :

Where does the Queen Elisabeth II. live ?



Task 3 :

How old is the Queen Elisabeth II. ?



Task 4 :

How long has been the Queen Elisabeth on the throne ?



Task 5 :

Who is the Queen's oldest son ?

2 British history



students get some information about British history



Basic Information

The Tudors were the British Royal Dynasty from 1485 to 1603. There were six monarchs in this dynasty.

The first **King Henry VII.** was very famous because he won War of Two Roses / 1455 – 1485 / . He got married to Elisabeth of York. He had several children , the first son **Arthur , the Prince of Wales.** He got married to Catherine of Aragon , but he died when he was fifteen years old. **Henry VII.** was a king from 1485 to 1509.



Picture No.2 : Henry VII.

He had several children, but the most famous king was **Henry VIII.** He was the second monarch of the House of Tudor. He was born in 1491 and he died in 1547. He was very famous because he had six wives. He was a king from 1509 to 1547.



Picture No.3 : Henry VIII.



His first wife was **Catherine of Aragon**. They had six children , but only a daughter **Mary** alived. Henry VIII. wanted to have a son and he wanted to get married to **Anne Boleyn** that´s why he founded **Anglican Church** in 1533.



His second wife was **Anne Boleyn** .They had a daughter **Elisabeth I**. Anne Boleyn was executed in 1536.



His third wife was **Jane Seymour**. They had a son **Edward VI.**, but Jane Seymour died 9 days after birth of Edward VI.



His fourth wife was German **Anne of Cleves** . They didn´t have any children and they got divorced after six months.



His fifth wife was **Catherine Howard**, she was very young , when she got married to Henry VIII. She was executed by Henry VIII. after two years of their marriage.



His sixth wife was **Catherine Parr**. She was a widow twice , when she got married to Henry VIII. After Henry´s VIII. death , his only son **Edward VI./ 1547 – 1553 /**. became an English king. He died , when he was sixteen years old .



After Edward´s death **Jane Grey** became a Queen of England , but only 9 days. She was the shortest British queen in history. Mary a daughter of Catherine of Aragon executed her in the Tower of London.



Queen Mary became a fifth British Queen from Tudor´s Dynasty. She sometimes called Bloody Mary because she killed about 300 people. She imprisoned her step – sister **Elisabeth I**. in the Tower of London.



When the Queen Mary died , her step – sister **Elisabeth I**. became an English Queen. She was a queen **from 1558 to 1603**. She was the last Tudor because she wasn´t married and she didn´t have any children. Elisabeth I. was very clever , she was a daughter of executed Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII.



Picture No.4 : Queen Elisabeth I.



Students answer these questions :



Task 1 :

Can you name all monarchs from the Tudor 's Dynasty ?



Task 2 :

Can you write something about Henry VIII. ?



Task 3 :

How many children did Henry VIII. have ?



Task 4 :

Who was the last Tudor ?



Task 5 :

Who founded Anglican Church ?



3 London – the capital city of the United Kingdom



students get some information about London



Basic Information

„London has a population of 7 million people. It lies on the river Thames, where the Romans landed nearly 2, 000 years ago. From about 1800 until World War Two, London was the biggest city in the world, but now there are many cities which are much bigger.

London is famous for many things. Tourists come from all over the world to visit its historic buildings, such as **Buckingham Palace**, where the Queen lives, and **the Houses of Parliament**, where you can see and hear the famous clock, **Big Ben**.

They also come to visit its theatres, its museums and its many shops, such as **Harrods**, where you can buy anything. And of course they want to ride on the big wheel – **London Eye** next to the river !

The best thing about London is the parks. There are five in the centre. The children's favourite place is **Hamleys**, which is the biggest toy shop in the world !

Over one million people a day use **the London Underground**,^{1,2} but there are still too many cars in the street. There is also one of the biggest airports in the world – the airport **Heathrow**.



Picture No. 5 : London – the capital of the UK



¹ Tim Falla, Paul A Davies : Maturita Solutions, Elementary, page No.58, Oxford University Press,
Student's Book



Students answer these questions :



Task 1 :

What do you know about London ?



Task 2 :

What we can see in London ?



Task 3 :

What do you know about transport in London ?



Task 4 :

Why do many tourists come to visit London ?



Task 5 :

What is the favourite children ´s place ?



4 Liverpool



students get some information about Liverpool



Basic Information

„ **Liverpool** is Britain´s second biggest port, after London. It stands on the river **Mersey** in north – west England. It is an important passenger port for travel to Ireland and many Irish immigrants live there. It has a population of nearly 500,000.

About history :

King John named Liverpool in 1207. The city grew bigger in the 18th century, when it became an important trade centre for sugar, spices, and slaves between Africa, Britain, the Americans, and the West Indies.

About music :

Liverpool´s most famous musicians are the Beatles. In the 1960s this British rock group was popular all over the world. They had 30 top ten hits. They were all born in Liverpool and started the group there in 1959. The members of the group were – **Paul McCartney , John Lennon , Ringo Starr** and **George Harrison** . The first played at a night club called the Cavern and then travelled the world. One of them, Paul McCartney, is now the richest musician in the world. Many tourists visit Liverpool to see the homes of the Beatles.

About sport :

Liverpool is a home of the Premiere League . There are two football clubs **Everton** and **Liverpool F.C.** „³



Picture No.6 – The Beatles / famous British band /



³ Liz and John Soars : New Headway English Course, Elementary, page No.80, Oxford University Press, Student´s Book



Students answer these questions :



Task 1 :

What do you know about Liverpool ?



Task 2 :

Do you know any famous people from Liverpool ?



Task 3 :

Can you name all members of the band Beatles ?



Task 4 :

Why do many tourists come to visit Liverpool ?



Task 5 :

Do you know something about history in Liverpool ?



5 Political system UK – Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher



students get some information about Prime Minister – Margaret Thatcher



Basic Information

Margaret Thatcher / 1925 - /

„She was born in 1925. She was the first woman prime minister in Europe. She became Prime Minister of Britain in 1979.

Her early life :

She was born above a shop in the small English town of Grantham. Her father, Alfred Roberts, was a grocer. He worked very hard for little money. Margaret also worked hard, and she went to Oxford University, where she studied chemistry. In 1951 she married Denis Thatcher, a rich businessman. They had twins, a girl and a boy. The love of her life was politics. She didn't have much time for other interests. She said she only needed for hours' sleep a night.

Her later life :

She became a politician in 1959, leader of the Conservative Party in 1975, and Prime Minister of Britain four years after that. She had a strong personality. A lot of people were afraid of her, and she was called 'The Iron Lady'. In 1984 Irish terrorists bombed her hotel, but she survived. She was a Prime Minister for 11 years. She finally resigned in 1990, but she didn't want to, and she was in tears when she left 10

Downing Street.



Picture No. 7 – Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher



4 Liz and John Soars : New Headway English Course, Elementary, page No.58, Oxford University Press, Student's Book



Students answer these questions :



Task 1 :

What do you know about Margaret Thatcher ?



Task 2 :

What do you know about Thatcher´s early life ?



Task 3 :

How many children does she have ?



Task 4 :

What do you know about her later life ?



Task 5 :

Do you know any other Prime Ministers ?



6 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle – Sherlock Holmes



students get some information about Arthur Conan Doyle



Basic Information

„Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is famous as the writer of the **Sherlock Holmes** stories. Sir Arthur was born in Scotland in 1859. He went to Edinburgh University and studied medicine. He worked as a doctor for several years, but when he thirty – two, he became a full – time writer.

He wrote romances, adventure stories and historical novels, but it was the detective stories which made him famous. He wrote the first story in 1887, while he was still a doctor, and in the next twenty years he wrote fifty more.

Sherlock Holmes lived in **Baker Street, London** with his friend and assistant, **Doctor Watson**. Their enemy in many stories is a man called Moriarty . Sir Arthur Conan Doyle died in 1930, aged seventy-one.



Picture No.8 : Sherlock Holmes





Students answer these questions :



Task 1 :

Which university did he go to ?



Task 2 :

What did he study ?



Task 3 :

How old was he when he became a full – time writer ?



Task 4:

What sort of books did he write ?



Task 5 :

When did he write his first detective story ?



Task 6 :

Who did he work with ?



Task 7:

When did he die ?



7 London Eye



students get some information about London Eye



Basic Information

„ London Eye is the world´s best tourist attraction. The London Eye is among the world´s most famous landmarks – more famous than the Eiffel Tower, the Statue of Liberty, and the leaning Tower of Pisa.

The 135M – HIGH EYE on the south bank of the River Thames was voted the world´s best tourist attraction in a recent poll, more popular than sights such as the Sydney Opera House and the Vatican in Rome.

James Elliot, director of the British Tourist Board, said the London Eye represented the modern face of Britain.' We are known throughout the world for our history, but the London Eye is a modern monument.

' It´s not just the attraction itself, but the wonderful views of other London attractions, such as the Houses of Parliament and the St Paul´s Cathedral, that make it so special,' he said.

Mr Elliot said it was the most popular tourist attraction in Britain, receiving 4,2 million visitors in 2005. It is the biggest ' big wheel ' in the world. Since it opened in 2000, it has welcomed more than 25 million visitors, and has won more than 40 awards.

In the poll, New York´s Bloomingdale´s was voted the best department store. The Great Wall of China was the best wonder of the medieval world, and the Pyramids in Egypt were the best ancient wonder.⁶



Picture No.9 : London Eye

⁶ Liz and John Soars : New Headway English Course, Pre – Intermediate , page No.35, Oxford University Press, Workbook



Students answer these questions :



Task 1 :

Can you write something about the London Eye ?



Task 2 :

Who is Mr James Elliot ?



Task 3 :

When was the London Eye opened ?



Task 4 :

How many people have visited the London Eye ?



Task 5 :

Where we can find the London Eye ?



8 British Food



students get some information about British Food



Basic Information

„Some nations are famous for their cooking. For example, in most French and Italian homes, meals are important part of family life. But in the UK, a lot of families do not eat together. Parents and children eat **snacks** in front of the TV, or prepare their own food in the microwave at different times.

However, some traditional dishes are still very popular in Britain – for example, **fish and chips**. There are more than 8,600 fish and chip shops in the UK and they serve about 300 million meals every year. Restaurants and pubs often serve ' **Sunday lunch** ': **roast meat (beef, lamb, chicken, etc.)** with **roast potatoes and vegetables**. And many British people sometimes eat a ' full English breakfast ' of **bacon, eggs, sausages, tomatoes and toast**.

The British enjoy eating out, and on average, they spend 27 pounds a week in restaurants. In a recent magazine article about the 50 best restaurants in the world, 14 were in the UK. However, most restaurants do not serve traditional British food. For example, there are about 10,000 Indian and 8,000 Chinese restaurants in the UK. Different styles of cooking from around the world are now part of British

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culture. In fact, the nation 's favourite dish is not roast beef or fish and chips – it is **chicken curry** !



Picture No. 10 – English Breakfast



7 Tim Falla , Paul A Davies : Maturita Solutions, Elementary, page No.80, Oxford University Press, Student 's Book



Students answer these questions :



Task 1 :

What is a ' full English breakfast ' ?



Task 2 :

How many fish and chips shops are there in the UK ?



Task 3 :

What is the most popular dish in the UK ?



Task 4 :

How many Chinese restaurants are there in the UK ?



Task 5 :

How many Chinese restaurants are there in the UK ?



9 The Globe Theatre



students get some information about The Globe Theatre



Basic Information

„ The original Globe Theatre opened in 1599 and was one of the most important theatres in London during the life of William Shakespeare.

In fact, Shakespeare was one of the theatre's owners. Some of his most famous plays had their first performance in the Globe, including Julius Caesar, Macbeth, Othello and Hamlet. Inside the theatre, there was space for about 3,000 people to watch the plays. A fire in 1613 destroyed the theatre, but the owners rebuilt it.

However, in 1642, the new government closed all the theatres in London. Two years later, they destroyed the Globe Theatre and built houses there instead.

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre is in the centre of London on the south side of the River Thames. It opened in 1997 and has performances from May to October. (There isn't a roof, so there are no performances in winter.) The new theatre is safer than the original theatre, because it has to follow modern safety rules. But in all other ways, it is exactly the same as the original Globe Theatre. Visitors can find out what it was like to go to the theatre in 17th century London . .,8



Picture No. 11- The Globe theatre in London



8 Tim Falla, Paul A Davies : Maturita Solutions, Elementary, page No.87, Oxford University Press, Student 's Book



Students answer these questions :



Task 1 :

When did the original Globe Theatre open ?



Task 2 :

How many people could watch a play there?



Task 3 :

What happened to the theatre in 1613 ?



Task 4 :

Where is Shakespeare's Globe Theatre ?



Task 5 :

When did the original Globe Theatre close ?



10 Poppy Day



students get some information about Poppy Day



Basic Information

„ Poppy Day, 11 November, is the day when people in Britain remember the soldiers that died in the First World War (1914 - 1918), the Second World War (1939 - 1945) and all other wars since. The first Poppy Day was in 1921.

The first World War had ended three years earlier, but it was still very difficult, often impossible, for ex-soldiers in Britain to find employment. So some of them started making and selling red paper poppies. They gave the money that they raised to ex – soldiers who were disabled or unemployed, and to the families of soldiers who had died.

The choice of flower was significant. During the war, the soldiers had noticed poppies growing every year on the battlefields in Belgium and the north of France. A well – know poem from that time, written by a Canadian soldier, begins with the lines

**In Flanders " fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, ...**

In the days leading up to Poppy Day, about 32 million people in Britain buy and wear small poppies. Some people choose to wear white poppies because they think that white symbolises peace. Then, at 11 a.m.on 11 November (at the moment when the First World War ended) there´s a two- minute silence. Many people stop and think quietly about the soldiers who died. There are ceremonies at war memorials in towns and villages all over the country. The most important ceremony is in London, when the Queen and the Prime Minister lay wreaths of poppies at the Cenopath, a monument to soldiers who died in battle.

(" Flanders = the north of Belgium, our place = our graves ")⁹



Picture No. 12 – Poppy Day in England

⁹ Tim Falla, Paul A Davies : Maturita Solutions, Intermediate, page No.16, Oxford University Press, Student´s Book



Students answer these questions :



Task 1 :

What is a Poppy Day ?



Task 2 :

How many people buy and wear small poppies ?



Task 3 :

When is a Poppy Day ?



Task 4 :

When was the First Poppy Day ?



Task 5 :

What do the people in Poppy Day in the UK ?



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