

The Tower is one of London's most popular sights. It is close to the Thames. The history of this old castle goes back to William the Conqueror (who invaded England in 1066). The Tower has served as a fortress, a royal residence and a prison. It is nowadays a museum.



Thousands of tourists come daily. Everybody wants to see the Crown jewels. The Tower is not only one tower. It consists of several individual buildings. The best-known are the White Tower and the Bloody Tower, in which many people were imprisoned before they were executed. There are strong walls around the Tower.



The Tower is guarded by the so-called „Beefeaters“. They wear old-fashioned uniforms. One of the Beefeaters is responsible for the ravens, which have been kept in the Tower for ages. There is a legend that the British Empire will fall if the ravens should leave the tower. Today the Empire no longer exists and yet the ravens are all in excellent health.

**sight:** Sehenswürdigkeit  
**close by:** nahe bei  
**invade:** eindringen  
**fortress:** Festung  
**nowadays:** heutzutage

**consist of:** bestehen aus  
**several:** mehrere  
**execute:** hinrichten  
**guard:** hüten  
**old-fashioned:** altmodisch

**responsible:** verantwortlich  
**raven:** Rabe  
**empire:** Reich  
**yet:** doch  
**health:** Gesundheit

## Translate:

1. Der Tower ist eine beliebte Sehenswürdigkeit.....
2. Wilhelm der Eroberer drang im Jahre 1066 in England ein. ....
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3. Der Tower diente als Gefängnis. ....
4. Tausende von Touristen kommen täglich. ....
5. Sie wollen die Kronjuwelen sehen. ....
6. Es hat starke Mauern um den Tower herum. ....
7. Er ist für die Raben verantwortlich. ....
8. Sie tragen altmodische Uniformen.. ....
9. Die Raben verlassen den Tower nicht. ....
10. Das Britische Reich besteht nicht mehr. ....

## SIGHTS OF LONDON?

*Streiche, was nicht in London ist:*

Tower ✓  
~~Empire State Building~~  
 Tower Bridge  
 Eiffel Tower  
 Big Ben  
 Disneyland  
 Golden Gate Bridge  
 Buckingham Palace

The White House  
 Cable Car  
 Westminster Abbey  
 The Kremlin  
 Piccadilly Circus  
 Madame Tussaud's  
 The Little Mermaid  
 Time Square

Chinatown  
 Hyde Park  
 Prater  
 Lincoln Memorial  
 St Paul's Cathedral  
 Trafalgar Square  
 Sunset Boulevard