**THE PLACES TO VISIT IN LONDON**

 London is the capital of England. It is its political and business centre. The heart of London is the City. It is the oldest part of London. Many people work in the City but very few live there. There are many banks and other offices there too. You can visit some interesting places in the City or near it.

One of them is the Tower of London. The Tower of London was a fortress, a palace, a prison and the King’s Zoo. Now it is the museum. You can see a lot of interesting things in the halls of the White Tower. Its square walls are white and very tall. William the Conqueror built it in the eleventh century. There are always black ravens in the Tower of London. People keep them in the Tower of London and look after them very well as they believe that London will be rich while ravens live there.

 One of the greatest English churches, St. Paul’s Cathedral, is not far from the Tower of London. The famous English architect Sir Christopher Wren built it in the 17th century after the Great Fire. It took Sir Christopher Wren 35 years. It is a beautiful building with many columns and towers. In one of its towers there is one of the largest bells in the world.

 The centre of London is Trafalgar Square. Some people say it is the most beautiful place in London. In the middle of the square stands a tall column. It is a monument to Admiral Nelson. Four bronze lions look at the square from the monument. There are two beautiful fountains in the square. They are in front of the National Gallery which is one of the best picture galleries of the world. Every day many tourists visit this fine building with tall columns.

**True, false or don’t know?**

1) London is the capital of Scotland.

2) The heart of London is the City.

3) Many people live in the City.

4) William the Conqueror built the Tower of London in the tenth century.

5) St. Paul’s Cathedral is very far from the Tower.

6) The famous English architect Sir Christopher Wren built the Cathedral in the 17th century.

7) Trafalgar Square is not in the centre of London.

8) The National Gallery of London is well-known all over the world.