

# GIVE SIGHTS A VOICE

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What might they think, feel or say? The students in 3A thought about that in greater detail. Find out more about the emotions and thoughts of London's most popular sights.

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My name is Benjamin and I am a celebrity. The name by which I am known will probably ring a big bell. I remember the time when I first met my wife Elizabeth. She was attracted by my bombastic bel-ly voice and I was fascinated by her size. We were young and brand new. In October 1858 we met for the first time. It was love at first height. We had a great time, but after some weeks my wife complained about my weight. I went on a diet. Before I came back, I lost around 2 tons. Now we could move in together. Our new address is next to the Westminster Abby. The view from the 96 meters is just great. From my place you can see Tate museum, Buckingham Palace and the St. James Park. We are a famous couple and therefore we have always had a lot of visitors, but since last year they don't come anymore, because of a human virus. I'm glad that we cannot catch it. However, we have our own difficulties. We are getting older and fragile and it was time for a makeover. Unfortunately, nobody told us, how long it would take. So we have lived with a scaffolding in front of us for 4 years now, and it sucks.

I guess you will know who I am?

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Mirija L.



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So hi, I am the Tower Bridge, but I think you know me because I am finally the most familiar Bridge in the entire world, although many people confuse me with my neighbor, the London Bridge. In the song "London Bridge" by the American singer Fergie, Tower Bridge is actually meant. I was built in 1886 on the 21st of June, so right now I am 134 years old. I'm not for people who suffer from altitude sickness, after all, I'm 42 m high. It's very sad that my builder wasn't able to see my completion. But...It is what it is. If you are ever in London you should definitely visit the upper pedestrian bridge. From there you will have a wonderful view, I promise.

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Alina R.



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I am Big Ben. I live in London and I am very old. It makes me a little sad that many people don't know that I am the Big Ben and not the tower but luckily there are guides who explain that I am the Big Ben. I have altitude sickness. That's why I am always nervous when I look down, but it makes me really happy when I can make a beautiful noise for all people in London.

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Jana S.



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Hey! I am the London Dungeon. Everyone is scared of me, but I don't know why. I mean, I am just telling the Story of Jack the Ripper. But some people still visit me. Mhm, I just wished somebody would deeply love me. But a good thing is that my friend the London Eye isn't far away from me. I am still waiting for you to come visit me. But at the moment nobody is visiting me because there is a virus called Corona going around outside. But when everything will open up again, I am sure that a lot of people will come to me. And as I said, I am waiting for you to come to London and visit all my sight colleagues.

In love,  
The London Dungeon

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Hannah B.



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What a quiet day! Fewer cars than usual cross the Thames with my help and there are also fewer people than usual on the road who talk while taking selfies with me. I am the Tower Bridge and in my opinion the most beautiful bridge all over London. No with my two pretty towers, I'm definitely the prettiest bridge in the whole world! Or at least half the world. Finally, I can just listen to the rushing water of the Thames. It's not always that quiet. No that quiet it is really rare. This is probably due to this virus, what is its name again? Ah I've got it Covid19, that's its name. Luckily, bridges can't get infected with it, imagine this: a bridge with a cough... or a fever. But this virus already has something good for me: I don't have to open up so often to let ships pass by. I hate that! It's really exhausting.

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Carolina L.



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Good Morning my name is London Eye. I'm so big that I have an overview, so I can see very much from London. But I'm not so old. I was born on 31st December 1999. My 32 capsules can carry 800 people. Sometimes it is exhausting to carry so many people. I have more than 3.5 visitors each year. I'm proud of me, that so many people like me and want to see me. Sometimes when I'm bored, I talk to the Big Ben. He is my best friend. But I also like the Tower Bridge. I like to look at the people when they are on me or around me. When it's night it's not so loud so I can have a good sleep. Sometimes if I can't sleep, I watch the numerous lights in the city. It's beautiful. Then I will be tired quickly and can sleep well.

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Hanna K.



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Hello, I am the London Eye. I am a big attraction and I think I am the biggest giant wheel on earth. It is not always easy to carry 800 people. This is very heavy and exhausting. Sometimes there are very famous people that ride on me. This is very nice. I am now 22 years old, but I think I will become older. I am surrounded by a beautiful view. I can look over the whole city. I live on the banks of a river. The humans call it "Thames". If you want to ride on me, you must buy an expensive entrance fee and wait in a long queue. Sometimes I have to vomit because of the fast turning all day. At night I am not turning, so I can sleep better. At night I can also see the lights of the whole city. I see the lights of the Tower Bridge, the Big Ben and other famous buildings. My best friend is the Tower Bridge. He is a bridge with fun. If one of us has a problem, we talk to each other about it. My girlfriend is the Westminster Bridge, okay she is not really my girlfriend because I didn't tell her that I love her and I don't know if she loves me too. I can't tell it to her. I am too afraid! The Tower Bridge believes that I should tell her about my feelings, but...

Whatever it is nice to be the London Eye.

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Daria E.





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I'm the flag of the Buckingham Palace. I have the best view over London. When the Queen is at home, I'm so happy, that I go up to the flagpole, but when she's abroad, I'm really down. I especially love the so called "changing of the guard". The ceremony is simple, but impressive. A few members of the Royal Foot Guard are formally changed and are accompanied by a marching band which plays march music, but also modern pieces. I danced to the music so talentedly that I thought the ceremony should be called "wag the flag", but the queen's administration was not amused about my suggestion. I love the view over London's parks and to watch the people having picnicks and playing games, but sometimes, especially when it's not windy, it is a little bit boring. Fortunately, I'm sometimes visited by my friend the raven. He lives in in the London Tower and he is very famous, because he is one of the "seven ravens". Sometimes I think about going on holiday, so I asked my raven friend to pick a hole in my beautiful fabric body. Unfortunately, I wasn't sent to the Bahamas, but to the majesty's tailor. He threatened me to be replaced by a younger flag, if I do that again, so I decided to stay a proud and satisfied Buckingham Palace flag.

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Teresa D.



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Hi, I'm the Lee Valley Velodrome. I was built in 2009 and so I'm still a child but I'm a famous sight. Maybe because the summer Olympics in 2012 where 800 000 people visited me. That was a very great day of my life, although the trash made me sick and I felt pain in my stomach. Another great year was 2015 because my favourite bicyclist Bradley Wiggins broke the hour world record and drove 54,526 km in an hour with his bike. A few weeks ago, my friend the Estádio Olímpico Nilton Santos from Rio de Janeiro and I made a telephone call and talked about wood and he was very jealous that in me are 56 kilometres of spruce and 350 000 nails. We also talked about the great year 2016 because there was the UIC cycling race in me and in his stomach were the summer Olympics. Maybe you want to visit me now and we can meet each other at one day.

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Flora S.



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Hello! I'm a giant wheel in London. My friend the Tower Bridge told me that people call me the London Eye. I like this name. It sounds like I can see everything. And that's actually true. I have the best view over London. When you sit in one of my cabins, you can see the Buckingham Palace and a lot more sights. I love it when people take photos with me. I know that they pay a lot of money to drive with me. I have never seen any of that money. But when the customers forget their stuff in my cabins, I own it. I got so many things of them. I got a mobile phone, a cap, a scarf and a lot more stuff. However, I love my job. It makes me glad and proud that people like to sit in my capsules. If you are in London one day, I would be happy, if you visited me.

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Sara S.



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I am the London Eye and I am 21 years old. I really like that I can see whole London from my place.

It is never boring here but sometimes I am quite dizzy. Most of the time I listen to the people talking in the 32 capsules I own. Some people puke on me because of altitude sickness. This is so disgusting. This makes me not really happy.

I have two friends, the Tower Bridge and the Big Ben. Big Ben is really annoying but promise me you won't tell it to Big Benny (that's his nickname).

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Belinay T.

