

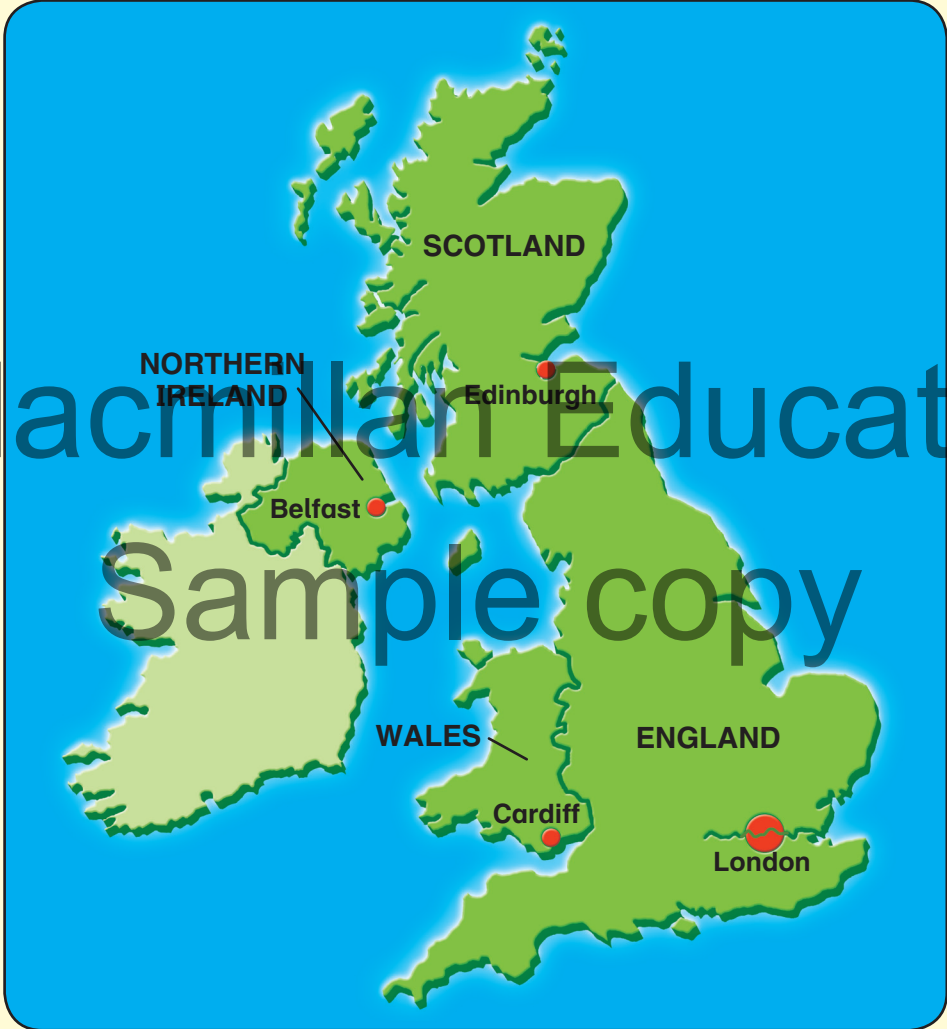
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## *The capital city of England*

London is the capital city of England. It is in the south-east of England, on the River Thames.



More than seven million people live in London and millions of tourists visit the city every year. London is bigger than all the other cities in the UK.

## London transport

London is very big, so you can't walk everywhere. People travel by car, bike, motorbike, bus or taxi. There are lots of red double-decker buses and black taxis in the streets of London.



Many people travel on the London underground. Parts of the London underground are very old. It was the first underground system in the world. Today, it has got twelve different lines and more than 275 stations.



## Buckingham Palace

This is Buckingham Palace. The Queen lives here when she is in London. The palace has got 600 rooms but the Queen only lives in twelve of them.



Many guards protect the palace. They are famous for the hats they wear. At half past eleven every day, you can watch a ceremony called 'The Changing of the Guard'.

# A Day in the City



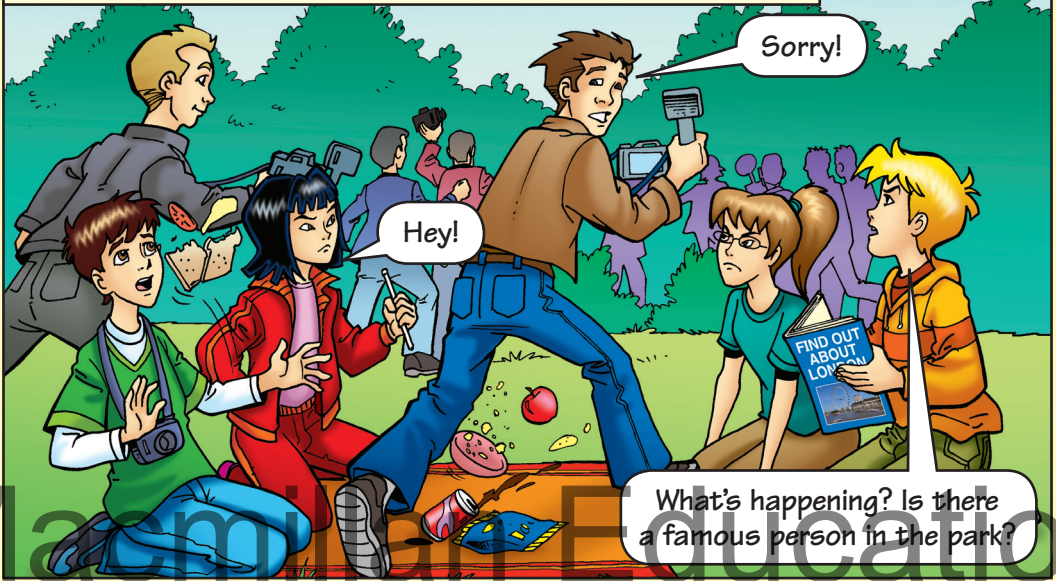
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Tim, Clare, Kate and Phil are in Hyde Park, in the centre of London. Tim is reading a book about the city. Kate and Phil are eating sandwiches. Clare is writing a postcard to a friend.



Dear Liz,  
London is a great city.  
There are lots of  
interesting things to see  
and do. Today, we are  
in an enormous park. It's  
very sunny.  
See you soon.  
Love  
Clare

Suddenly, there are lots of photographers in the park. They are running very quickly.



What's happening? Is there a famous person in the park?

Phil talks to two of the photographers.



The Prime Minister is planting a tree.

We're taking photographs for the newspapers.

Later, in the afternoon, the children look at the tree.

Look! Here's a wallet.

Look inside. Is there a telephone number? You can call the owner on your mobile phone.

Tim looks in the wallet.

This wallet belongs to the Prime Minister!

No problem! We can take it to his house. Where does the Prime Minister live?