



Lord Mayor's Show Challenge

Traditional children's games

Ring a ring o' roses

A simple circle singing game, where the players hold hands in a circle and skip in the same direction. On the last line they all fall down.

Ring-a-ring o' roses,
A pocket full of posies,
A-tishoo! A-tishoo!
We all fall down.

Blind man's buff

Blind man's buff is played in a spacious area, such as outdoors or in a large room, in which one player, designated as "It", is blindfolded and gropes around attempting to touch the other players without being able to see them, while the other players scatter and try to avoid the person who is "it", hiding in plain sight and sometimes teasing them to make them change direction.

Blind man's buff is ideally played in an area free of dangerous obstructions so that the "It" player will not suffer injury from tripping over or hitting something.

Pin the tail on the donkey

A picture of a donkey with a missing tail is tacked to a wall within easy reach of children. In turn, each child is blindfolded and handed a paper "tail" with a push pin or thumbtack poked through it. The blindfolded child is then spun around until he or she is disoriented, then tries to pin the tail on the donkey. The player who pins their tail closest to the target is the winner.

Oranges and Lemons

The song is used in a children's singing game with the same name, in which the players file, in pairs, through an arch made by two of the players (made by having the players face each other, raise their arms over their head, and clasp their partners' hands). The challenge comes during the final lines:

Here comes a candle to light you to bed.
Here comes a chopper to chop off your head.
(Chip chop, chip chop, the last man's dead.)

On the last word, the children forming the arch drop their arms to catch the pair of children currently passing through, who are then "out" and must form another arch next to the existing

one. In this way, the series of arches becomes a steadily lengthening tunnel through which each set of two players have to run faster and faster to escape in time.

Oranges and lemons,
Say the bells of St. Clement's.

You owe me five farthings,
Say the bells of St. Martin's.

When will you pay me?
Say the bells of Old Bailey.

When I grow rich,
Say the bells of Shoreditch.

When will that be?
Say the bells of Stepney.

I do not know,
Says the great bell of Bow.

Here comes a candle to light you to bed,
And here comes a chopper to chop off your head!

(A similar game is played to the song of London Bridge is burning down)

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In and Out the Dusty Bluebells

This is a ring dance for at least eight dancers.

'In and out the dusty bluebells
In and out the dusty bluebells
In and out the dusty bluebells
Who shall be my partner?

Tippity, tappity on your shoulders
Tippity, tappity on your shoulders
Tippity, tappity on your shoulders
You shall be my partner.'

Verse 1

Everyone stands in a circle holding their hands up high to make an arch between each dancer. One dancer is chosen and skips in and out of the arches while all players sing the rhyme.

Verse 2

On 'Who shall be my partner?' the dancer stops and taps whoever is closest on the shoulder. This dancer then joins on to the first dancer and they weave in and out again as the first verse is repeated. The game is repeated until all the children form a chain, then they all skip round for as long as they like.

What's the Time Mr Wolf?

One player is chosen to be Mr Wolf, the other players stand in a line on the opposite end of the playground about 10-12 metres away from Mr Wolf. This line is referred to as 'home'.

Mr Wolf stands with his back to them.
The players chant, 'What's the time Mr Wolf?'

Mr Wolf replies (for example), '3 o'clock.'
The players advance the same number of steps as the time called.

The game continues until Mr Wolf thinks the players are close enough to catch and after being asked the time again he replies, 'Dinner time,' then turns and chases the players. The first child caught becomes Mr Wolf.

If Mr Wolf does not catch anyone, he has to be Mr Wolf again.

If a player reaches Mr Wolf before dinnertime, she taps Mr Wolf on the shoulder and runs for home. If the player gets home then she is safe. If she is caught then she becomes Mr Wolf.

Queenie Queenie

A person is picked to be the "queenie," and that person turns her back to everyone else. The "queenie" then throws the ball over her shoulder and one of the other players needs to catch it or pick it up. Everyone, except the "queenie", puts their hands behind their backs so that the "queenie" doesn't know who has the ball. The "queenie" then turns around and everyone shouts:

"Queenie, Queenie who's got the ball?
See I haven't got it,
It isn't in my pocket,
Queenie, Queenie who's got the ball?"

To make it more difficult for Queenie to guess who has the ball, the children all keep their left hand behind their back and show the right hand, then put the right hand behind and show the left hand as they say the chant. They keep on swapping hands.

The person with the ball has to keep swapping the ball behind their back from left to right hands and has to make sure they don't drop it!



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Captain's Coming

The players assemble in the centre of the playground or in a hall. A leader calls out various commands. The commands need explanation to each participant before the game can begin. A game of Captain's Coming can have any number of various commands; the more there are, the more that needs to be memorised, and the harder it is to play.

The group competes with each other to complete the commands. If there is an obvious person or, if applicable, group of people who are last to start a command or perform the wrong action, they are then out.

The game continues until there is only one person left.

The Commands

Bow – everyone races to the front of the room.

Stern – everyone races to the back of the room.

Starboard – everyone races to the right of the room.

Port – everyone races to the left of the room.

Captain's coming – everyone stands tall, salutes and shouts, 'Aye aye Captain.'

Captain's wife – everyone curtsseys.

Scrub the decks – mime scrubbing on hands and knees.

Climb the rigging – everyone pretends to climb a rope ladder.

Man the lifeboat – find a partner and hold both hands. Anyone without a partner is out.

Sharks – lie on stomach with feet up.

Freeze – stop all actions when this is called. If a further command is given without saying 'unfreeze' anyone obeying it is out.

There are lots of variations of this game. You may want to make up your own. To make this a more co-operative game, you can just play for the fun with nobody being out.

Here we go round the mulberry bush

The simple game involves holding hands in a circle and moving around to the first verse, which is alternated with the specific verse, where the players break up to imitate various appropriate actions.

Here we go round the mulberry bush,

The mulberry bush,

The mulberry bush.

Here we go round the mulberry bush

So early in the morning.

This is the way we wash our face,

Wash our face,

Wash our face.

This is the way we wash our face

So early in the morning.

This is the way we comb our hair,

Comb our hair,

Comb our hair.

This is the way we comb our hair

So early in the morning.

This is the way we brush our teeth,

Brush our teeth,

Brush our teeth.

This is the way we brush our teeth

So early in the morning.

This is the way we put on our clothes,

Put on our clothes,

Put on our clothes.

This is the way we put on our clothes

So early in the morning.

Here we go round the mulberry bush,

The mulberry bush,

The mulberry bush.

Here we go round the mulberry bush

So early in the morning.

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CRYPTIC UNDERGROUND STATIONS

All the following are clues for London Underground stations.

1	Bad news for Napoleon	
2	Bigger than big	
3	Alpine Dwelling	
4	It's falling down	
5	Weapon store	
6	Trumpeting New York thoroughfare	
7	Stop here for the Men's singles and doubles	
8	Nobleman Captured	
9	Limit of 1760 Yards	
10	The Longest Reign	
11	A Bear	
12	Patella's Lair	
13	Red Rose Entrance	
14	In the Hop County	
15	Ballet and Vegetables Here	
16	Heavenly Messenger	
17	Irate Monarch	
18	Where the Money is	
19	Where Blackboard Materials are Grown	
20	There's One on Merseyside	
21	Royal Route	
22	Oriental Pigmeat	
23	Elementary My Dear Watson	
24	A Television School	
25	You won't Find Acrobats at This University	
26	Sounds Like the Bard was Born Here	
27	Do Rabbits live in This Thoroughfare	
28	Mad Dogs Stop Here	
29	Big Gun Road	

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jig-a-word

4 LETTERS

CARS

RAIN

5 LETTERS

BADGE

BANDS

COACH

FLAGS

6 LETTERS

CROWDS

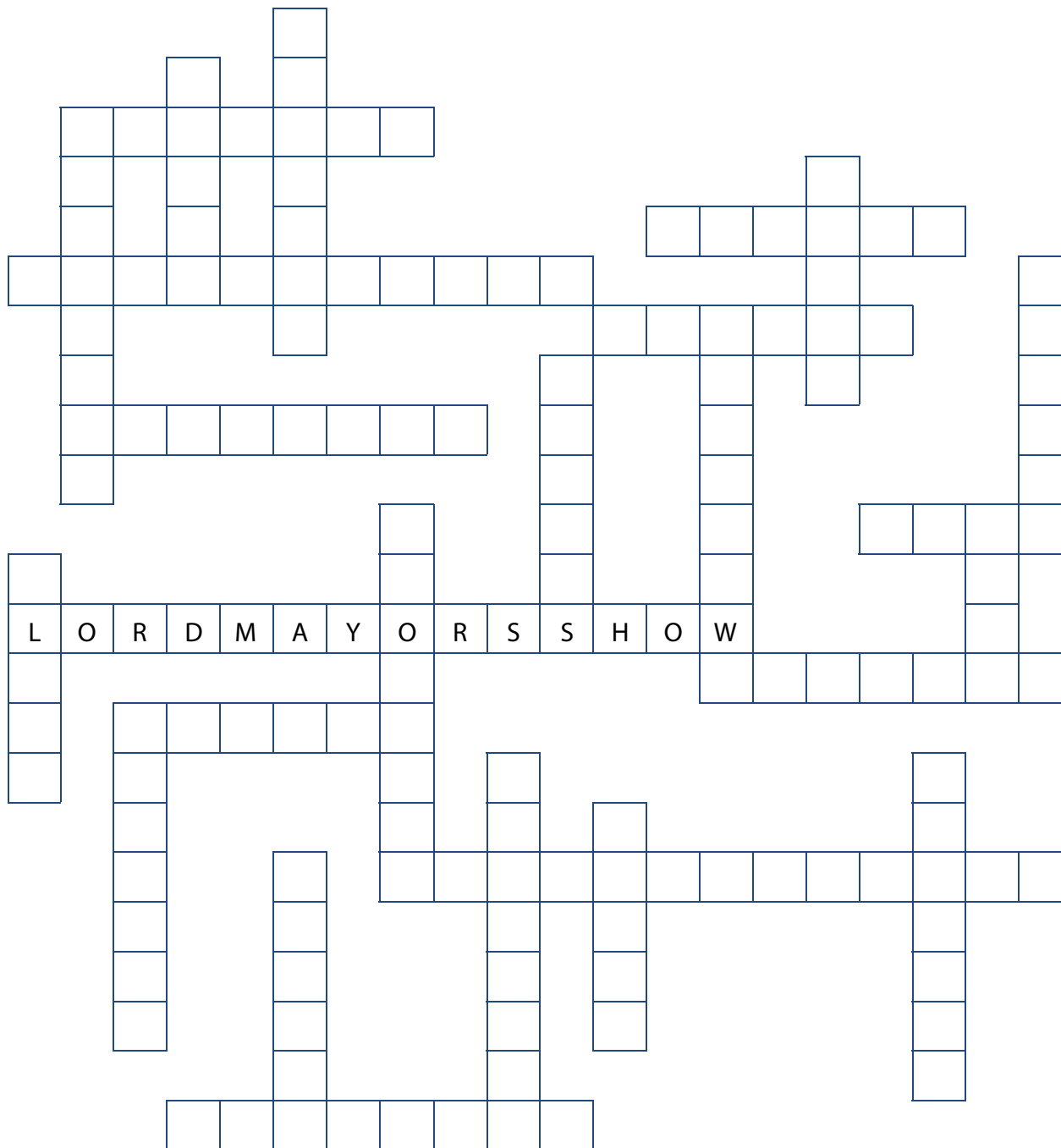
FLOATS

GUIDES

HORSES

LONDON

PARADE



Insert all the words in the grid. You have been given the first one to start things off.

7 LETTERS

CHARITY

LEADERS

SEATING

UNIFORM

WHISTLE

8 LETTERS

BROWNIES

COSTUMES

CHEERING

NOVEMBER

RAINBOWS

SUNSHINE

12 LETTERS

CELEBRATIONS

13 LETTERS

SENIOR SECTION

14 LETTERS

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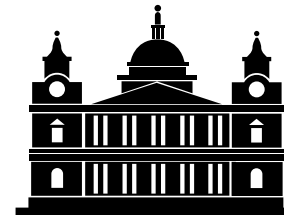
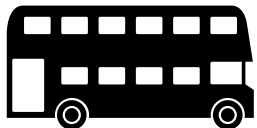
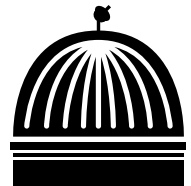
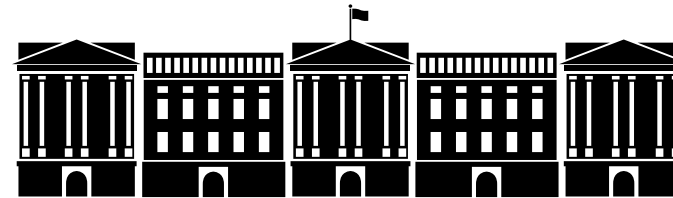
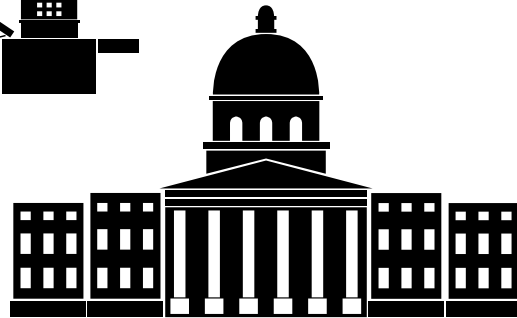
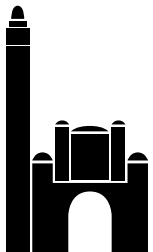
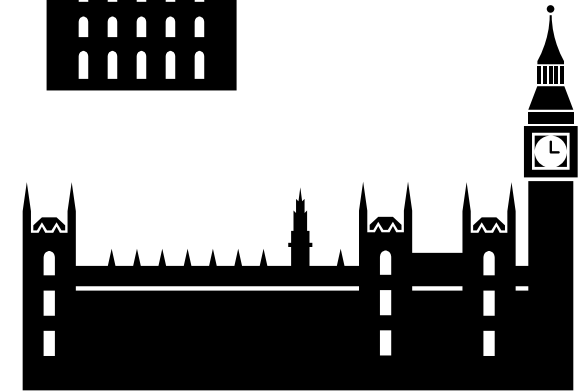
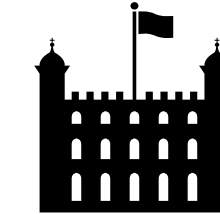
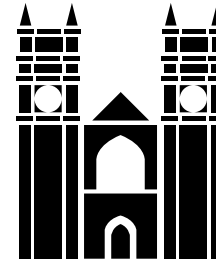
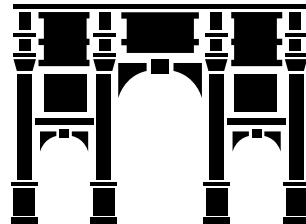
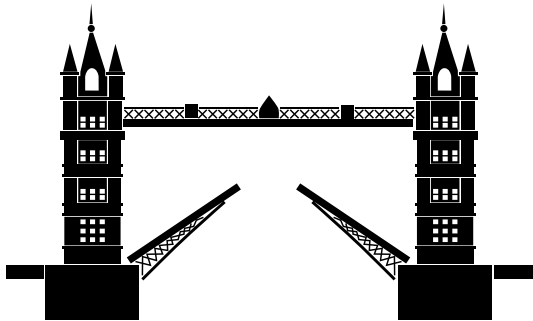
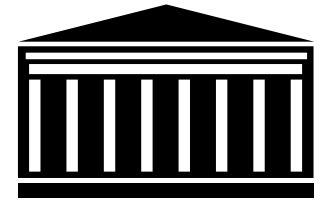
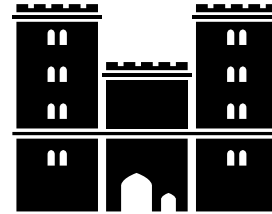
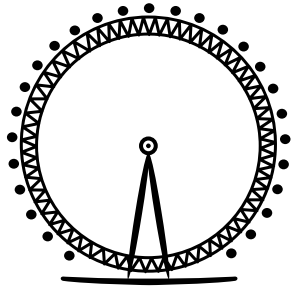
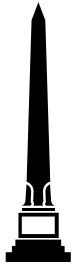
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Skyline challenge



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Silhouette challenge





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Old English words match-the-meaning

Match up the words with their meanings by drawing a line to join them

Hither	to cackle
Privy	please
Perchance	a jealous person
Bubble-bow	fickle personality
Prithee	maybe
Anon	morning, day
Wind-Sucker	puzzled
Grammarcy	thank you
Mayhap	madness or insanity
Thither	a lady's pocketbook
Bellytimber	to miss dinner and be left with the scraps
Morrow	there
Woodness	beautiful
Kiss The Hare's Foot	restroom
Nose Of Wax	later on
Pitchkettled	here
Beauteous	food
Keak	perhaps



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Dicky Birds; Cockney Rhyming Slang

Adam and eve	Believe	Dicky Bird	Word
Apples and pears	Stairs	Donkey's Ears	Years
Army and navy	Gravy	Duck and dive	Hide
Artful dodger	Lodger	Dustbin lids	Kids
Bacon and eggs	Legs	Early hours	Flowers
Barnet fair	Hair	Lemon Squeezy	Easy
Borrow and beg	Egg	Lump of lead	Head
Bottle and stopper	Copper	Plates of Meat	Feet
Box of toys	Noise	Pork Pies	Lies
Brass bands	Hands	Rabbit & Pork	Talk
Bread and honey	Money	Rattle and clank	Bank
Butcher's hook	Look	Satin and silk	Milk
Can't keep still	Treadmill	Syrup of Figs	Wig
Clever mike	Bike	Tea Leaf	Thief
Currant Bun	Sun	Weasel and Stoat	Coat
Cut and carried	Married	Whistle and Flute	Suit

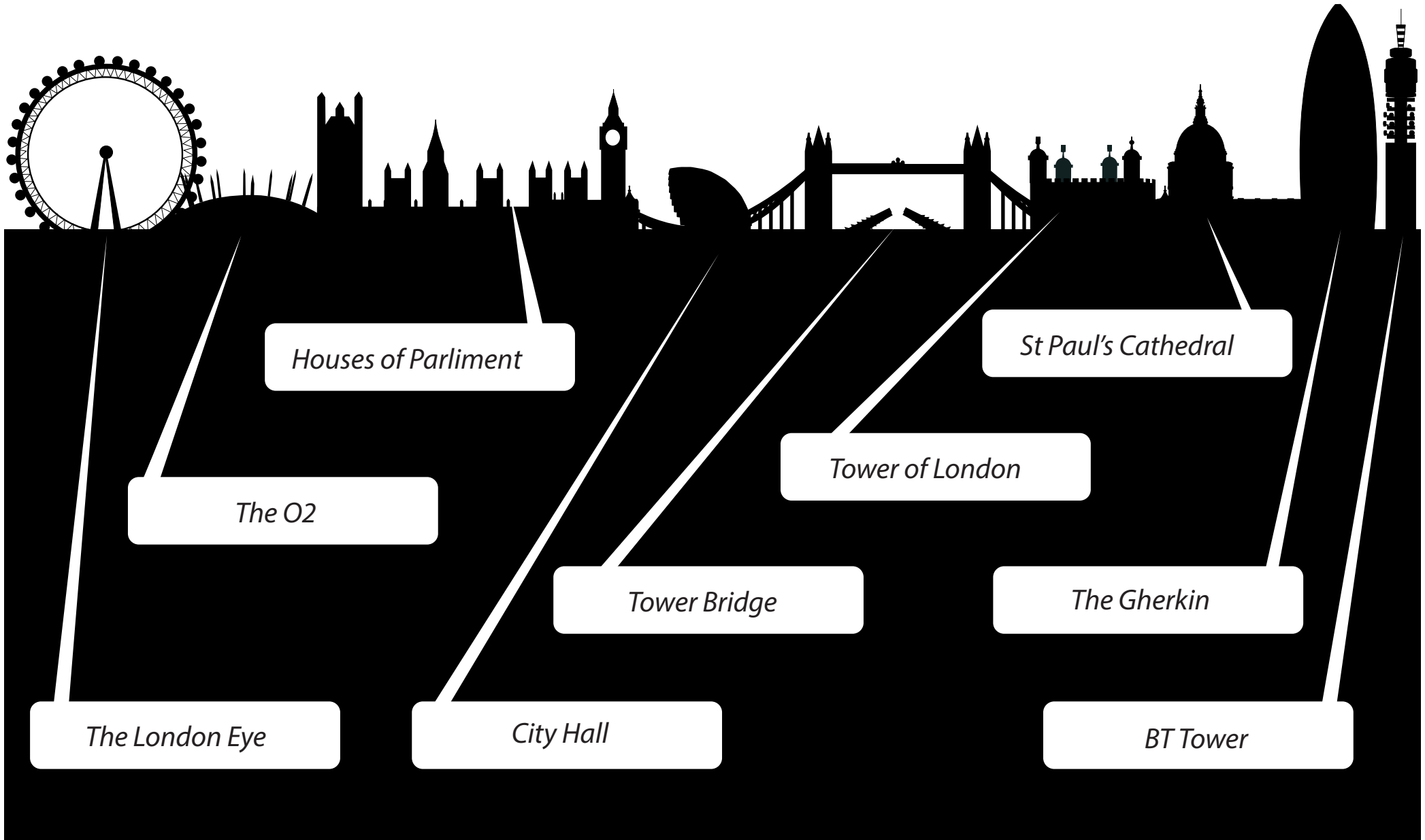
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Answer sheet

1	Bad news for Napoleon	WATERLOO
2	Bigger than big	WAPPING
3	Alpine Dwelling	SWISS COTTAGE
4	It's falling down	LONDON BRIDGE
5	Weapon store	ARSENAL
6	Trumpeting New York thoroughfare	TOOTING BROADWAY
7	Stop here for the Men's singles and doubles	WIMBLEDON
8	Nobleman Captured	EARLS COURT
9	Limit of 1760 Yards	MILE END
10	The Longest Reign	VICTORIA
11	A Bear	PADDINGTON
12	Patella's Lair	NEASDEN (KNEES DEN)
13	Red Rose Entrance	LANCASTER GATE
14	In the Hop County	KENTISH TOWN
15	Ballet and Vegetables Here	COVENT GARDEN
16	Heavenly Messenger	ANGEL
17	Irate Monarch	KINGS CROSS
18	Where the Money is	BANK
19	Where Blackboard Materials are Grown	CHALK FARM
20	There's One on Merseyside	LIVERPOOL STREET
21	Royal Route	QUEENSWAY
22	Oriental Pigmeat	EAST HAM
23	Elementary My Dear Watson	BAKER STREET
24	A Television School	GRANGE HILL
25	You won't Find Acrobats at This University	OXFORD CIRCUS
26	Sounds Like the Bard was Born Here	STRATFORD
27	Do Rabbits live in This Thoroughfare	WARREN STREET
28	Mad Dogs Stop Here	BARKING
29	Big Gun Road	CANNON STREET

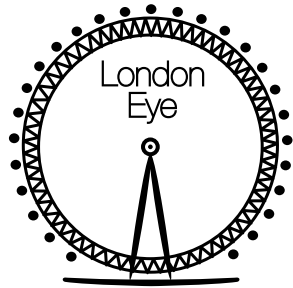
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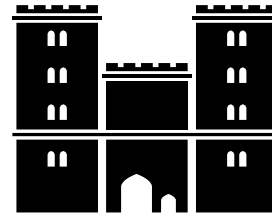
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London Eye



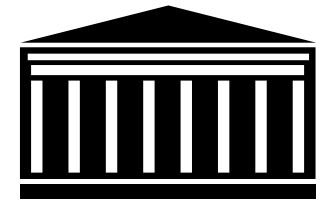
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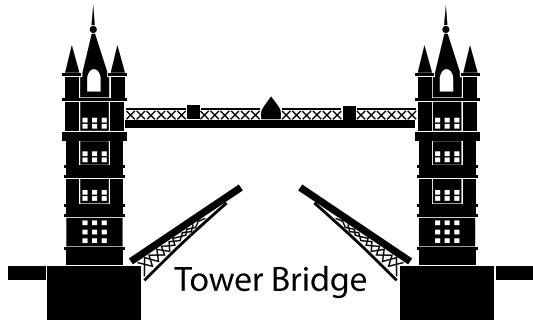
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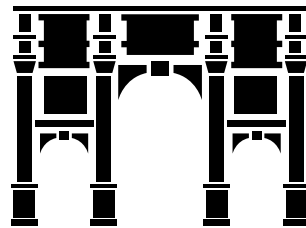
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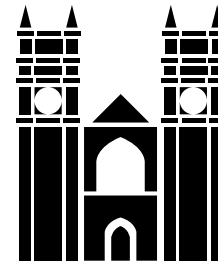
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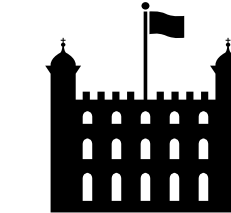
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Marble Arch



Westminster Abbey



Tower of London



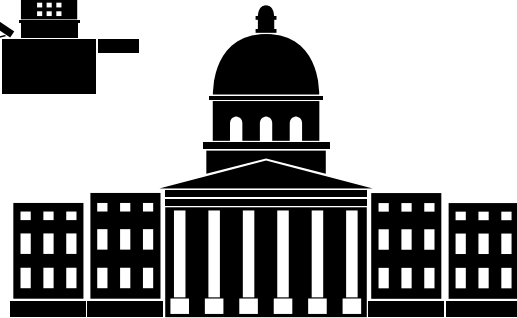
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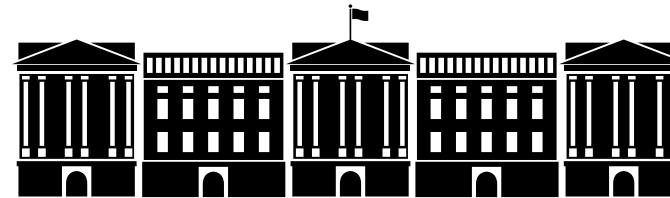
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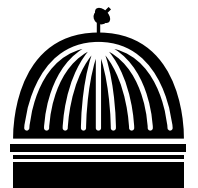
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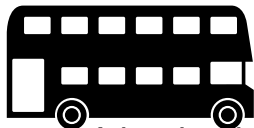
Imperial War Museum



Buckingham Palace



Madame Tussauds



A London bus



Admiralty Arch



Telephone



St. Paul's Cathedral



Victoria & Albert Museum

Postbox





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Old English words match-the-meaning definition sheet

1. Hither (here): Come hither, it's time to start!
2. Privy (restroom): I think our patrol is on privy duty!
3. Perchance (perhaps): Perchance we will do the musicians badge next term.
4. Bubble-bow (a lady's pocketbook): I put my subs in my nice new bubble-bow.
5. Prithee (please): I really like that song "Prithee Don't Go."
6. Anon (later on): I'll see you anon, or I'll see you at the next meeting.
7. Wind-Sucker (a jealous person): Ever since I got my new sash, Jenny's been a real wind-sucker.
8. Grammarcy (thank you): Grammarcy for the camp sweater!
9. Mayhap (maybe): Mayhap I will build an excellent campfire
10. Thither (there): Brown Owl is calling us - let us go thither and see what she needs.
11. Bellytimber (food): QM hast the best bellytimber.
12. Morrow (morning, day): Good morrow! Yes Guider, we're getting up now, honest!
13. Woodness (madness or insanity): Up at 7am to cook breakfast! This is woodness!
14. Kiss The Hare's Foot (to miss dinner and be left with the scraps): If you get lost on your wide game, you'll be kissing the hare's foot tonight.
15. Nose Of Wax (a fickle personality): Kerry has a real nose of wax when it comes getting chores done.
16. Pitchkettled (puzzled): I'm quite pitchkettled about how this tent goes together.
17. Beauteous (beautiful): Sitting here in the wilderness looking at the bluebells is quite beauteous.
18. Keak (to cackle): Wren told a funny joke at Rainbows and made all the girls keak.