

London is famous for its theatres and for most visitors, seeing a show while they are staying in the capital is one of the most important attractions. The West End is the name of the area in central London where most of the popular theatres are. There are about a hundred theatres in this area which show the latest plays, musicals and comedies. The big theatres often have more than one performance a day and many of the most successful plays run for years.

STOMP – Vaudeville Theatre

Show times:

Monday	no show
Tuesday	8.00 p.m.
Wednesday	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	3.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.
Friday	8.00 p.m.
Saturday	3.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.
Sunday	3.00 pm

The performance runs for 1 hour and 40 minutes (no interval).

Tickets: £15.00 - £38.00



Stomp is an incredible experience! There is no story, no dialogue and nobody speaks a word! A group of virtuoso dancers and musicians find beauty and music in every day things. This unique spectacular show combines music, dance, theatre and mime. Don't miss it!

The Woman in Black

When a reclusive old woman dies, an enthusiastic young lawyer goes to her remote and mysterious house to conclude her affairs. His experiences in the house were terrifying and now, as an old man, he is telling his story, desperate to be free of the ghosts of the past. Robin Hereford directs this brilliant stage version of the famous thriller by Susan Hill.

The Woman in Black **The Fortune Theatre**

Show times:

Evenings: Monday to Saturday 8.00 p.m.

**Matinees: Tuesday 3 p.m. and
Saturday 4 p.m.**

The performance runs for 2 hours (no interval).

Tickets: £12.50 - £32.50



1 Answer the questions.

- 1 What is showing at the Fortune Theatre?
- 2 What is showing at the Vaudeville Theatre?
- 3 How much are the cheapest tickets for *The Woman in Black*?
- 4 Why does the young lawyer go to the old woman's house in the play?
- 5 Who tells the story in the play?
- 6 What's unusual about the show at the Vaudeville Theatre?
- 7 How many performances are there of *Stomp* every week?
- 8 Which arts does the show include?

2 Use the Internet to find information about a musical in London and complete the following file.

Name: _____
Theatre: _____
Show times: _____



The performance runs for: _____
Tickets: _____

3 Write a short presentation about the musical you chose.

4 Present the musical to your schoolmates using your notes in exercise 2. You should talk for 2 or 3 minutes.

My written exam

Camden Markets

Camden's group of markets is now the fourth most-visited tourist attraction in London. It is the largest street market in the UK, and attracts around 500,000 visitors each week. There are various markets located in Camden Town, an area in North London: Camden Lock Market, Camden Stables Market, Camden Canal Market, Inverness Street Market, and Camden (Buck Street) Market.

The area around Camden Lock was first developed in 1791 by the Earl of Camden, with the famous Regents Canal opening in 1820. The first market to appear in Camden was Camden Lock Market, which opened in 1972.

Today, there are hundreds of designer workshops, studios, stalls, shops, cafés, restaurants and bars selling high quality goods from designer, alternative & vintage clothing and accessories to one-off pieces of art, furnishings, antiques, jewellery, records & CDs, collectables, arts & crafts and international food.

How To Get There

Tube: Camden Town or Chalk Farm

At the weekend catching the bus or the Tube is a better option than taking your car because parking spaces are very few. You can also walk along the pretty canal from Regent's Park.

Opening Times

Camden Lock Market: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 7 days

Stables Market: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 7 days

Camden (Buck Street) Market: Thurs-Sun 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Camden Canal Market: Sat-Sun 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Questionnaire

1 Answer the questions: true (T) or false (F)?

- | | T | F |
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| 1 Camden Markets represent the first tourist attraction in the UK. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 There are several markets in Camden Town. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 The Regents Canal opened in 1791. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 You can buy clothes and accessories at Camden Markets. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 You cannot eat at Camden Markets. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 It is easier to go by Tube or bus at weekends. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Camden Lock Market is open on Tuesdays. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Camden Canal Market closes later than Camden (Buck Street) Market. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4 _____

No, we didn't watch a musical, but we went to a concert in the park.

5 _____

Yes, we went to Covent Garden and Oxford Street. I bought a pair of sunglasses and a bag.

6 _____

Because to visit the British Museum you need a couple of hours and we didn't have enough time.

7 _____

I really liked the parks and Camden Lock Market. I hated the traffic.

8 _____

Oh, I'd love to. I really love the city so yes, I'll visit London again soon.

Dialogue writing

2 Anisha has just come back from a trip to London with her parents. Complete the dialogue with the questions to her answers.

- _____ We arrived in London last Friday in the afternoon.
- _____ For four days, from Friday to Tuesday.
- _____ We stayed in a Bed&Breakfast in Notting Hill.

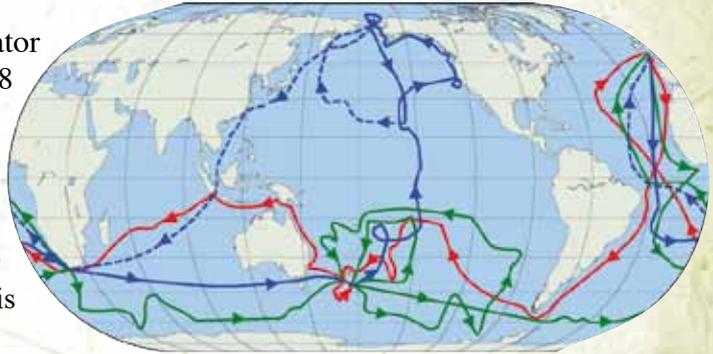
Letter writing

3 Write a letter to a friend telling him / her about a recent trip to a city you visited. Remember to include the following in your letter:

- When you went and who with
- The places you visited
- Something you bought
- If you liked it or not. Give reasons

Captain James Cook

Captain James Cook was a British navigator and explorer. He was born on October 27, 1728 in Marton, (near modern Middlesbrough), Yorkshire, Britain. During his career Cook commanded three voyages of discovery for Great Britain, and sailed around the world twice. He was the first British ship commander to circumnavigate the globe with one ship. He is considered one of the world's greatest explorers.



When he was 15, in 1743, he worked as an apprentice to a shipping company. Then, in 1755, at the age of 27, he joined the British Navy. In 1768, the British Admiralty appointed Cook, then a Lieutenant, to lead a scientific expedition that would sail to the island of Tahiti in the South Pacific and establish an astronomical observatory. He started his journey on August 12, 1768 in His Majesty's Bark called Endeavour, and arrived in Tahiti on April 13, 1769.

Captain Cook was also secretly asked to find the great southern continent called *Terres Australes Incognita* (unknown lands in the south) that geographers believed kept the world in balance. In Cook's day, the discovery of new lands often meant great wealth for the nation claiming those lands. His orders were secret because the Admiralty did not want Britain's international competitors to know about this aspect of Cook's expedition, but his search for *Terres Australes* was not successful and Cook claimed that no such great continent existed.

In October 1769, he was the first European to land on New Zealand and in 1770 he conducted a comprehensive survey of the eastern coast of New Holland (now Australia), a land previously sighted by the Dutch. On August 22, 1770, he claimed those lands for Great Britain. The name 'Australia' was not used until the early 1800s.

On Cook's second journey he sailed farther south than any other European. He circled Antarctica in his famous ship Resolution, but the ice surrounding the continent prevented the sighting of land. The existence of the Antarctica remained unproved until 1840.



In July of 1776, Cook started his third voyage, again in his ship Resolution. His mission was to look for a possible northern sea route between Europe and Asia. In 1778, Cook became the first European to reach the Hawaiian Islands. Later in 1778, he sailed up the northwest coast of North America, and was the first European to land on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. He continued up the coast through the Bering Strait, and entered the Arctic Ocean. Great walls of ice blocked the expedition, so Cook headed back for the Hawaiian Islands.

On February 14, 1779, Cook was tragically stabbed to death by Hawaiian natives while investigating a theft of a boat by an islander.

Questionnaire

1 Answer the questions.

- When was Captain Cook born?
- When did he start his first journey as an explorer?
- What was the mission of his first journey?
- What was Her Majesty's ship called?
- What happened when explorers discovered new lands?
- Why was Australia called New Holland in Cook's times?
- What was the name of Cook's famous ship in his second journey?
- Did he find Antarctica?
- What happened in 1778?
- How did Captain Cook die and why?

Dialogue Writing

2 Imagine you are interviewing Captain Cook, now a retired navigator and explorer. Follow the instructions.

You

Saluta e di' che sei molto contento di intervistarlo. Chiedi dove abita adesso.

Chiedi da quanto tempo è in pensione.

Chiedi come passa il tempo libero ora che non viaggia più.

Chiedi quale dei suoi tre famosi viaggi gli è piaciuto di più e perché.

Chiedi perché non scrive un libro di memorie.

Chiedi quando verrà pubblicata.

Captain Cook

Risponde al saluto e dice di abitare in un paese vicino a Londra.

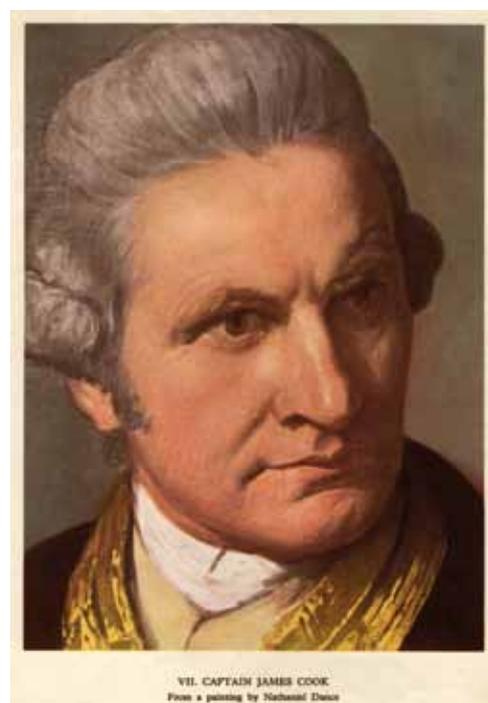
Risponde che è in pensione dal 1785.

Risponde che al mattino insegna astronomia e al pomeriggio legge libri di storia e ascolta musica classica.

Risponde che il suo viaggio preferito è stato quello in Antartide per l'ambiente e il clima completamente diversi dall'Europa.

Risponde che sta scrivendo la sua autobiografia

Risponde che l'uscita del libro è prevista per il 1789.



Summary

3 Prepare a brief summary about Captain James Cook. Remember to include the following information.

When and where he was born, the steps of his career, the dates and destinations of his journeys.

Letter writing

4 Imagine you have just come back from an expedition to Antarctica. Write an email to a friend to talk about the incredible time you had. Give information about the route of the journey, the climate, the environment and the wildlife you observed. Explain why you liked it.

Dear... ,
I'm writing to tell you about the most incredible place I ever visited...
Love,
...