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- Presenter:** Hello everybody. Welcome to another round of 'Great places to visit for kids'. Today we are talking about London, a city where more than 8 million people live. More than 18 million tourists visited London last year. It's a fantastic place with lots of tourist attractions. Where do you start? With me in the studio is Angus, a 14-year-old student from Scotland. He has visited London many times.
So, Angus, what are your tips for a visit to London?
- Angus:** Well, if it's your first time in London, go down to the River Thames, and start with the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. Many tourists think that Big Ben is the name of the tower of the Palace of Westminster, but it isn't. Big Ben is the name of the bell in the tower. It's very big, and the sound it makes is very famous.
- Presenter:** Where would you go after the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben?
- Angus:** From the Palace of Westminster you can walk to Buckingham Palace. It's quite a nice walk; you pass Westminster Abbey and walk through St. James's Park.
At the end of the park you can see Buckingham Palace. It's really amazing. There are 775 rooms and 1514 doors.
Another thing you can do, if you are Westminster Palace, is take a boat on the Thames to the Tower of London. On the way you see many famous sights, like the Globe Theatre, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Shard.
The Shard is a new, very high modern building. It's 301 metres high and is the tallest building in London.
The Tower of London, which is almost 1,000 years old, is a great sight. You can see the cannons and uniforms and the Crown Jewels there.
- Presenter:** What about Camden Market?
- Angus:** If you want to get to Camden Market from the Palace of Westminster, you can take the Tube. There is a station called Camden Town, so it's very easy to find.
It's open everyday and there are lots of clothes shops. It's great for shopping and there is good food from different countries. It's quite cheap, too.
- Presenter:** Have you got any other tips for our listeners?
- Angus:** Yes.
Tip number one: Buy tickets for the sights on the Internet – they're cheaper.
Tip number two: Buy a one-day travelcard and jump on and off the red double-decker buses.
Tip number three: The British Museum, the Museum of London and the Maritime Museum are all free.
Last but not least: You can't see everything in London in one day. Relax and take your time.