

- 1** Work in pairs. Work out five questions to ask about London, the capital of Great Britain. Use the words and word-combinations: *to be situated on, people, an attraction, a place to visit, a famous landmark, a sightseeing tour, means of transport, to stay at, etc.*

Example:

1. *What river is London situated on?*
2. *How many people ... ?*
3. ...

- 2** Listen, read and say what sights London is famous for.

Places to Visit

London is full of historical landmarks and exciting attractions.

People who visit London for the first time usually start their trip from Trafalgar Square. It's famous for its Nelson's Column, a statue to Lord Admiral Nelson who **defeated** the French at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

If you go down Whitehall from Trafalgar Square, you'll get to Parliament Square. The Houses of Parliament, or Westminster Palace is on your left. This wonderful building is the **seat** of the British Parliament. The Clock Tower of the Houses of Parliament is famous for its big hour bell, known as Big Ben. It is one of the most famous clocks in the world. The bell **weighs** about 14 tons.

Westminster Abbey is a royal church. It is situated opposite the Houses of Parliament. The church is more than 900 years old. You can see the **tombs** of many British kings, queens and other famous people there.

The other place connected with the Royal Family is Buckingham Palace. It is the official residence of the Queen. When the flag is flying on the top, the Queen is at home. The palace is like a small town with a police station, two post offices, a hospital, two sports clubs, a cinema and a swimming pool. There are 600 rooms and three miles of red carpet. About 700 people work in the palace.

St. Paul's Cathedral, the greatest of all English churches, **dates back** to the 17th century. It took the architect Sir Christopher Wren 35 years to build this **magnificent** building with many columns. The cathedral is also famous for its Whispering Gallery.

London is the city where ancient and modern live side by side. All in all, it's a great place to visit.

- 3** Read the titles of the paragraphs and order them according to the text of Ex. 2

- ____. The Houses of Parliament and Big Ben
 ____ . St. Paul's Cathedral