The Houses of Parliament







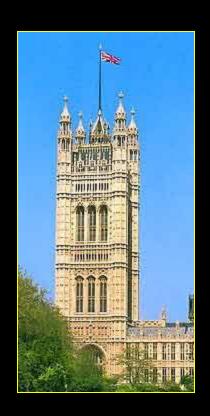
This building is called Westminster Palace or the Houses of Parliament which stands on the River Thames in London.

Victoria Tower



Victoria Tower is the tallest (98.5m) tower at the south-western end of the Palace. Now it is home to the **Parliamentary** Archives. Millions of documents are kept here.

A flag raises on the tower when Parliament is in sitting.





Big Ben

Big Ben is really a bell. You can see it on the eastern tower of the Houses of Parliament.

The bell is named after Sir Benjamin Hall, who was in charge for the building of the Clock Tower. The bell weighs 13.5 tons. The bell rang in 1859 for the first time.

