

A photograph of the Palace of Westminster in London, featuring the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, with the text "IN THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER" overlaid.

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Evaluation sheet

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Definitions of the words

to arrive

to debate

a sword

guard

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to debate

- to argue about

to arrive

- to come to a certain place during or after a journey

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- a person who keeps watch to protect smth

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- a cutting weapon with a long blade

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Listening



Westminster is the(1) _____ heart of London. Here you will find the seat of government, the tombs of(2) _____, the residence of the Royal family, and a wealth of history and beauty. The district of Westminster that we will be showing today is bounded to the north by Mayfair and Trafalgar Square, to the west by Knightsbridge and Chelsea, and to the east and south by the(3) _____. We will start at the iconic Palace of Westminster which is better known as The (4) _____. The first royal palace was built on this site in the(5) _____ and has been the centre of political life in the UK since the thirteenth century. The building we see today was completed around 1870 and is the meeting place of both the(6) _____ and the(7) _____. Since the first Abbey was constructed on this site more than 1000 years ago, Westminster Abbey has seen royal weddings, memorials, and funerals and the most recent royal wedding to take place was that of Prince William and Kate in 2011. If you plan your trip wisely you can witness the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, the official residence of the British (8) _____. Watch the Royal Guards follow their time honored tradition in the courtyard of this(9) _____. The Palace state rooms are also open to the public during a limited period in the(10) _____.

Listening



Answers

1. political and cultural

2. kings and queens

3. River Thames

4. House of Parliament

5. eleventh century

6. House of Commons

7. House of Lords

8. royal family

9. beautiful palace

10. summer

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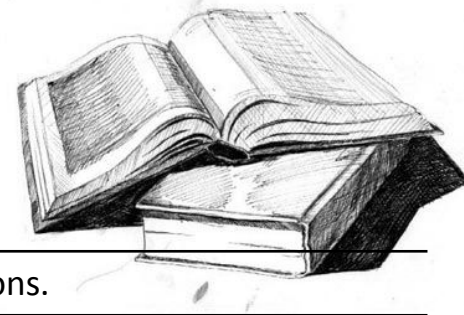


Reading



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the Chamber of the House of Lords	MPs sit here
the Lord Chancellor	when the Queen arrives in the House of Lords to open the Parliament, she sits on this.
the Woolsack	there is wool inside. It's a part of a very old tradition which started in the 14th century. It's in Parliament to symbolise the importance of wool to the British economy at that time.
the throne	it lies on the table when the House is debating. It's the symbol of the power which Parliament has won from the King. It even has its own guard, who has a very big sword.
the Chamber of the House of Commons	they represent two British main political parties - the Conservative Party and the Labour Party.
the Mace	this is the oldest part of the building. A lot of famous events and meetings have taken place here. It saw Guy Fawkes, who tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605, and in World War II bombs fell on it.
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statues of two Prime Ministers	he presides over the House of Commons.
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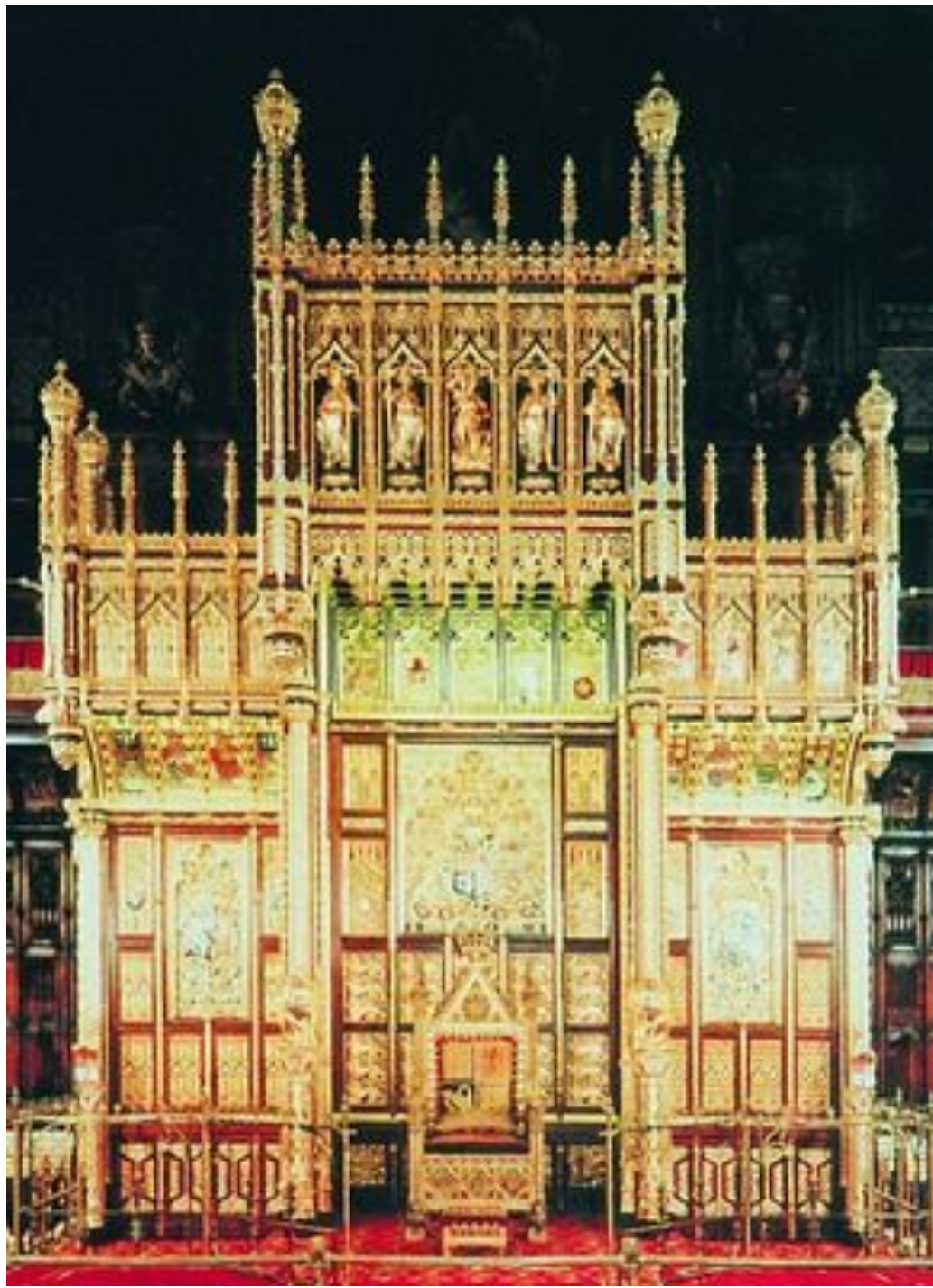
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Questions



- Where do lords and ladies sit?
- What does the Queen arrive to the House of Lords for?
- What is inside the Woolsack?
- What does lie on the table when the House of Commons is debating?
- Who presides over the House of Commons?
- What did MPs used their swords in the old days for?

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The Houses of Parliament



The House of Commons



The House of Lords

Feedback



After this lesson I

- can reproduce new information
- can retell texts
- can define new words
-(your opinion)