



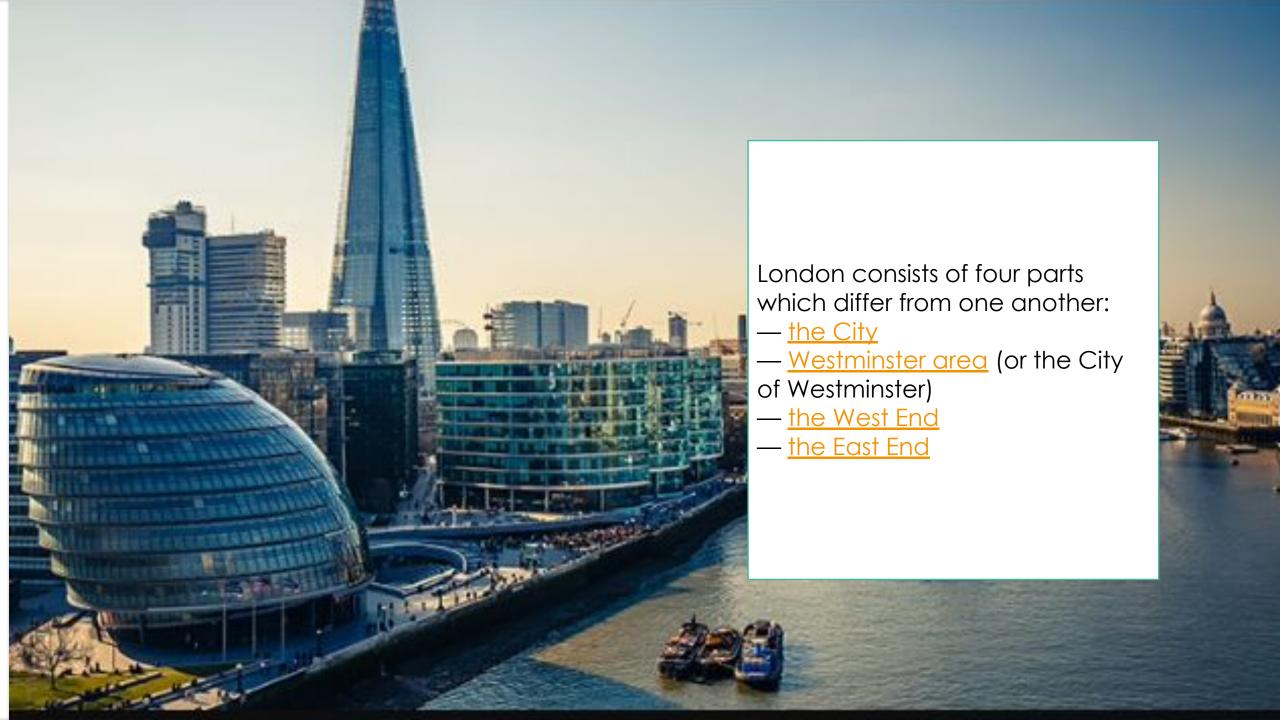


 London is the capital and most populous city of England and the United Kingdom, as well as the most populous municipality in the European Union. Standing on the River Thames in the south east of the island of Great Britain, London has been a major settlement for two millennia. It was founded by the Romans, who named it Londinium. London's ancient core, the City of London, largely retains its 1.12-square-mile (2.9 km²) medieval boundaries.

• London is a leading global city in the arts, commerce, education, entertainment, fashion, finance, healthcare, media, professional services, research and development, tourism, and transportation. It is one of the world's leading financial centres and has the fifthor sixth-largest metropolitan area GDP in the world.











Big Ben is the nickname for the Great Bell of the clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London and is usually extended to refer to both the clock and the clock tower as well. The tower is officially known as Elizabeth Tower.

A British cultural_icon, the tower is one of the most prominent symbols of the United Kingdom and is often in the establishing _shot of films set in London







Westminster Abbey, formally titled the **Collegiate Church of St Peter at** Westminster, is a large, mainly Gothic abbey church in the City of Westminster, London, just to the west of the Palace of Westminster. It is one of the United Kingdom's most notable religious buildings and the traditional place of coronation and burial site for English and, later, British monarch





The **Palace of Westminster** is the meeting place of the <u>House</u> of <u>Commons</u> and the <u>House of Lords</u>, the two houses of the <u>Parliament of the United Kingdom</u>.



Buckingham Palace is the **London** residence and administrative headquarters of the reigning monarch of the **United Kingdom**. Located in the City of Westminster, the palace is often at the centre of state occasions and royal hospitality. It has been a focal point for the British people at times of national rejoicing and mourn





Madame Tussauds is a wax museum in London with smaller museums in a number of other major cities. It was founded by wax sculptorMarie Tussaud. It used to be known as "Madame Tussaud's"; the apostrophe is no longer used. Madame Tussauds is a major tourist attraction in London, displaying waxworks of famous peopl













