

British Cities

Advanced version

London

- It is the capital of England
- It is in the south-east of the UK
- It is standing on the River Thames in the south east of the island of Great Britain
- It is 9th largest city in the world
- One of the largest commercial centres
- London is divided into 33 boroughs
- London is first city, which hosted Summer Olympic Games three times
- The population is about nine millions of people
- The double-decker bus is an icon of London
- There is a lot of famous sights, like London Eye, Buckingham Palace, Tower of London, Big Ben

Liverpool

- It is a home of two Premier League football clubs Liverpool FC and Everton FC
- There are two cathedrals Anglican Cathedral and Metropolitan Cathedral
- It has more than 800 year history
- It is a birth place of The Beatles

Edinburgh

- It is the capital of Scotland
- It is on the east coast in the northern part of the UK
- The **fringe festival** is one of the most famous festivals
- It is dominated of its imposing 12th century castle – **Holyroodhouse**

Cardiff

- It is the **capital of Wales** and also the **largest city of Wales**
- There is **Cardiff Castle**, and the **Millenium stadium** which is a home of **Welsh Rugby**
- It is in the south-west of the island of Great Britain
- There is an **open air museum** with 40 buildings – **St Fagans National History Museum**

Canterbury

- In Canterbury there was murdered **Thomas Becket** – a archbishop of Canterbury and England's most famous martyr

- Geoffrey Chaucer was inspired by this town and he wrote Canterbury Tales

Belfast

- It is the **capital of Northern Ireland**
- It is in the north-east of the island of Ireland

Nottingham

- Nottingham is known for its forest and castle because they are **home to the Legendary Robin Hood**

Plymouth

- It has a **proud maritime heritage**.
- It is **worth seeing** for the remains of its Roman bath built 2000 years ago.

Oxford

- **Old university town**
- It lies on the river Thames
- There are 35 colleges
- Popular means of transport especially for students are bicycles

Cambridge

- **Old university town**
- There is river Cam
- There are **rowing competitions** with Oxford every year
- Cambridge and Oxford are **big rivals**

Stratford upon Avon

- **It is second most visited** town in England
- It is famous as the birthplace of well-known dramatist **William Shakespeare**
- The top attraction is the house in **Henley Street** where Shakespeare was born
- **There is the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and church where Shakespeare is buried**

Bath

- It is worth of seeing for the remains of its Roman bath **built 2 000 years ago**
- It is a **health spa** with springs used from Romans

Winchester

- Old cathedral town
- It was the **capital of England** at one point in history

Brighton

- **It is** famous seaside town with **Arab architecture** including the **Royal Pavilion**
- Around the Pavilion there are **big gardens**
- This town is near the sea and you can go to the beach or walk on the promenade
- There are many **casinos and funs**.

Salisbury

- It is in Salisbury Plain where we can see a beautiful historic monument of **Stonehenge**
- Stonehenge is giant stone circle which are more than **5 000 years old**, the purpose of this construction is unknown – probably religious and astronomical reasons

Manchester

- We can visit the **Museum of Science and Industry**, The Air and Space Museum there
- It is a home of one of the most famous football team **Manchester United**

Birmingham

- It is a **geographical heart of England** and **second largest city** in Britain
- We can see interesting **Victorian architecture** here
- **It is famous for its Cadbury's chocolate museum**
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Doplňující otázky

1. How many times London hosted the Summer Olympic games?

- **London** is first city, which **hosted** Summer Olympic Games **three times**.

2. What town is the home of Robin Hood?

- Nottingham is **home to the Legendary Robin Hood**.

3. Which big cities are lying on the river Thames?

- The cities that lie on the river Thames are London and Oxford.

4. What city is the birth place of Beatles?

- It is Liverpool.

5. What city is the birth place of William Shakespeare?

- His birth place was Stratford-upon-Avon.

6. How far is Oxford from Cambridge?

- **Cambridge** is a little more than **100 kilometres** away from Oxford.

7. What is second most visited city of England?

- It is **Stratford-upon-Avon**, the birth place of W. Shakespeare.

8. What are the common things between Oxford and Cambridge?

- They are old university cities.
- Both of the cities lie on some river.
- There are **rowing competitions between the towns**.
- Cambridge and Oxford are **big rivals**.

9. Which cities would you like to visit? Why?

- I would like to visit ... (pick the best for you)

10. Which city is the one where is held one of the tennis grandslams every year?

- The grand slam takes place in south-west part of London.
- The name of the grand slam is Wimbledon.

11. What nickname has the underground of London?

- It is called **the Tube**.

12. Which city is the nearest to Stonehenge?

- The nearest city is Salisbury.

13. What is the geographical heart of England?

- It is Birmingham.

14. Which city was destroyed by the great fire in 1666?

- The city that was destroyed was London
- The only part, which escaped the fire, was Westminster Hall

15. What are the famous sights of London?

- Pick the most memorable for you. :)

16. Otázky na Vaše názory:

- Would you like to take a trip to London? Which part of UK do you like the most? Which places would you like to see?

Důležitá slovíčka

- Fonetická výslovnost není pro lepší srozumitelnost uvedena

borough	(borou)	čtvrť
buried	(berid)	pohřben
cliffs	(klifs)	útesy
fringe	(frindž)	netradiční
giant	(džájent)	obrovský
heritage	(heritejž)	dědictví
imposing	(impouzing)	působivý, impozantní
maritime	(maritajm)	námořní, pobřežní
martyr	(martr)	mučedník
murder	(mrdr)	vražda
remain	(rimajn)	zůstat
rowing	(rouing)	veslování
spa	(spa)	lázně
tale	(tejl)	příběh, pohádka
unknown	(announ)	neznámý