I would like to tell you about Big Ben. It’s the symbol of Great Britain and one of the most beautiful sights of London. It’s the largest and the most famous clock in the world. Originally, Big Ben is a tower. It’s one of the highest towers of Westminster Palace. The height of the tower is 96,3 metres. Another theory claims that it has been named after Benjamin Caunt. The tower of Big Ben used to be a prison. The history of Big Ben dates back to 1288, when it was built for the first time on Ralph De Hengham’s money. However, the contemporary tower of Big Ben was built according to Charles Barry’s project in the 19th century, as the old building was destroyed due to the fire of 1834. Although Big Ben is very popular with spectators, no one is allowed inside of the tower. All the Londoners who live close to Big Ben can hear how the bell strikes thirteen at New Year’s Night.