

Seminarsitzung Englisch Klasse 5

Mind Travellers – Routes of Imagination: Shopping in London

Now let's go on another trip with our flying carpet. Please close your eyes for the journey, put your arms on your desk and your head onto your arms ... Relax.

Imagine you sit on the carpet, the window of our classroom opens and the carpet slowly starts to fly. It flies higher and higher. Soon, you are next to the big, white clouds. You fly over small houses and very small trees. Then you can see a lot of water. It is the English Channel. Now you can see landscape again. The carpet flies down a bit. You can see a big river and ... there ... a big city. Oh wow, it is very big. Is it London? Yes, it is!

You can see the Thames Barrier. And there, the Millennium Dome. You see Greenwich. You want your landing to be in Greenwich, and you want to walk around the city to go shopping... The carpet slowly goes down. Now you can see people walking around. And the carpet arrives in the city center with lots of shops.

[Geräusch von Münzen, Straßenlärm, Schiffe, Menschen, die reden]

Mind Travellers – Routes of Imagination: London

- Please close your eyes for a journey to Great Britain:
- First relax and imagine the house you live in, your mum, dad, your room and your clothes.
- Pack your favourite things into your suitcase.
- Your parents drive you to the airport.
- Are you at the airport? XY, are you there? (Can you imagine the airport?) Say good bye to your parents, then board the plane.
- The flight is good and you are arriving at London Heathrow, the biggest airport in Europe.
- It's very noisy.
- Finally you find your suitcase and walk outside ...
- It is raining, so you walk faster. You can feel the rain on your head and on your hands.
- Then you see a black taxi with a yellow sign waiting for you ...
- You cross the road, a car hoots ... be careful ... you have to look to the right ... not to the left ... O. K.
- You give the address to the taxi driver: Buckingham Palace. It smells of sweet perfume in the taxi – probably a beautiful young lady has been sitting where you are sitting now.
- It is strange to drive on the left as you see the cars passing: two red double-decker busses, colourful tourist coaches and a lot of black taxis.
- The buildings are old and grey but very respectable and clean, the longer you travel the higher they get. You drive for some time ...
- Suddenly to the right there is a stone gate with two horsemen with golden helmets on two black horses, they are guarding the gate.
- You see the golden helmets of the horse guards blink in the sun and you wave hello: they do not react.
- A group of noisy school children are standing around two other guards on foot who are wearing enormous black helmets made of fur.
- Traffic is slow but you are driving away from the scene.
- Suddenly you can hear the sound of a bell through the open window... it takes some seconds ... and ...
- Then you see the clock tower on the left, it is black and golden and the clock is white. This place is very busy. It is called Piccadilly Circus (sic!).
- The building behind it has got many smaller towers. They look the same, but they do not have a clock.
- The taxi is driving around the green square and is taking the third road: One road, two, three ...
- There are trees along the road, and on the right there is a park.
- A man with a black bowler hat and an umbrella is crossing the road in front of you and a lot of tourists are walking along the footpath on the right.
- Through the trees you can see the huge grey building of Buckingham Palace behind a black iron railing.
- As you get closer you see that Buckingham Palace has got two storeys. You stand there and relax.

Tasks

- a. Find further information on London and write your personal version of an imaginative day trip to London.
- b. Write a story about your visit to the Queen of England inside Buckingham Palace.
- c. Get a map of London and find the mistake we made in our imaginative day trip.