# Lesson 70: A famous clock

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When you visit London, one of the first things you will see is Big Ben, the famous clock that can be heard all over the world on the BBC.

If the Houses of Parliament had not been burned down in 1834, the great clock would never have been erected.

Big Ben takes its name from Sir Benjamin Hall, who was responsible for the making of the clock when the new Houses of Parliament were being built.

It is not only of immense size but is extremely accurate as well.

Officials from Greenwich Observatory have the clock checked twice a day.

On the BBC, you can hear the clock when it is actually striking because microphones are connected to the clock tower.

Big Ben has rarely gone wrong.

Once, however, it failed to give the correct time.

A painter who had been working on the tower hung a pot of paint on one of the hands and slowed it down!

After the Houses of Parliament were burnt down in 1834, Sir Benjamin Hall was made responsible for the construction of a huge clock, which became known as Big Ben.

It is very accurate despite its immense size, for officials from the Greenwich Observatory have the clock checked twice a day.

This clock, which has rarely gone wrong, can be heard on the BBC when it is striking

Big Ben not only tells the correct time, but it also tells us when Parliament is in session.

There is a light in the clock tower, which is kept on until the clock closes.

Sometimes it is on all night.

The moment you leave this tent, you will get a big surprise.

By the time you read this, the Hubble's eagle eye will have sent us thousands of wonderful pictures.

The planes had been planting seed for nearly a month when it began to rain.

If the British had not feared invasion, it would have been completed.

After having been instructed to drive out of town, I began to acquire confidence.

I shall have completed this novel by December.

By then I shall have been working on it for ten months.

Now that you have finished work, you can go home.

I couldn't go shopping yesterday afternoon; I had to go to the dentist.

I really ought to buy a new car, but I can't afford to.

I didn't know you would be late.

You should have telephoned.

Officials from Greenwich Observatory have the clock checked twice a day.

The Customs official asked me several questions

Over a thousand factory employees went on strike.

She works as a shop assistant in a clothing store.

A painter, Aung, put a pot of paint on one of the hands.

When the sun came out, she hung the washing on the line.

The murderer was hanged.

Big Ben was built after a fire.

Accuracy is maintained by officials who check the clock frequently.

Big Ben is one of the first sights you will see when you visit London.

Big Ben is the most famous clock in London.

It is both very big and very accurate.

How often do they have it checked?

A painter who was working on the tower hung a pot of paint on one of the hands.

The clock was erected after 1834.

That's when it was put up.

Sir Benjamin Hall was responsible.

It was his duty to see to it.

It is of immense size.

It is huge.

You can hear it when it is actually striking.

You can hear it the moment it is striking.

The clock slowed down.

It was slow.

If the Houses of Parliament had not been burned down , the great clock would never have been erected .