**The Subject**: Welcome to London

**The Objective** - to revise and enrich students’ vocabulary on the topic;

* To improve students’ reading, speaking skills;
* To enrich the outlook;
* To develop students’ interest in visiting different London’s sights.

**Teaching aids and materials**: presentation, pictures, text- book.

**The Procedure:**

1. **Preliminaries:**

T: Good morning dear children! I am glad to see you! I hope everyone is feeling fit. I think you will agree that the topic we are going to speak on is really worth discussing. Because we can’t imagine our life without many things, and one of them is travelling. So, today we have an unusual lesson. We are going to fly to London, the capital of Great Britain. The theme of our lesson is “Welcome to London”. So, during our lesson we ‘llget more information about London and its beautiful sights and develop reading, speaking and writing skills.

1. **Warming – up**

T: We have already read some interesting texts and spoke on the topics concerning London. To my mind we can’t go anywhere if we know nothing about the place. Let’s revise your knowledge. I’ll ask you some questions and you’ll try to answer.

**Questions:**

1.What is the official name of the UK?

2. What parts does the country consist of?

3. What’s the capital of the UK?

4. What is the population of London?

5. What is the deepest river in G.B.?

7. What London parks do you know?

8. What is the official language of the country?

**T*: Now I’d like to see your ability of making up questions to the following answers.***

1. 244,000 square km.
2. About 58 million
3. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
4. Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Bristol, Leeds.
5. The Severn, the Thames.
6. London
7. The City, Westminster, theWest End, The East End.

**T*: Look at the next task. You need to complete the sentences and you’ll get a short story about Great Britain.***

1 The official name of the country is…

2 It is situated on…

3 It is divided into…

4 The largest cities of the United Kingdom are…

5 The largest rivers are…

6 The highest mountain is…

7 The capital of the country is…

8 Its main parts are…

A London.

B the Severn and the Thames.

C England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

D Ben Nevis.

E the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

F the City, Westminster, the West End and the East End.

G the British Isles.

I Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Bristol, Leeds

**T: You have already learned about some places of interest of London. *Now tell me please what famous London sights do you know……***

**T: look at the blackboard and check your answers.**

**In London you can visit………………..**

**P:**  Trafalgar Square, St. Paul’s Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Hyde Park, Whitehall.

***T: Your hometask for today was to write a short essay about one of London’s landmarks.To make your flight more exiting I’d like to listen to them and guess what place it is.***

London is the capital of Great Britain and one of the greatest cities in the world. Greater London territory covers an area of 720 square miles. London is the oldest city of the English-speaking peoples. It was first mentioned by the Romans.

**P:**

Trafalgar Square is one of the most beautiful places in London. The greatest picture museum is situated here. The National Gallery is considered one of the most beautiful buildings in London. The square is always full of doves, people come to feed them in the square and nobody is allowed to offend the birds.Trafalgar Square is also famous for its fountains, but its main feature, of course, is the monument known as Nelson’s Column.

**P:**

St. Paul’s Cathedral was the greatest work of Sir Christopher Wren. It’s the most striking building in the City today and the third largest church in the whole world. Wren was building this Cathedral for 35 years. One can’t imagine London without it. It stands on a hill and the gold ball and cross at the top can be seen on a fine day from almost any spot of London. It was built of white stone as well as many other buildings in the City of London, but smoke and soot made the stones black, only the columns and edges washed by the rain remained white. That is how the building got its peculiar white-and-black graphic look

**P:**

Westminster Abbey is the most beautiful and one of the oldest parts of Westminster. Most of the queens and kings of England have been crowned here and you may see the ancient Coronation Chair beneath which is the Stone of Scone. King Edward the First had brought it from Scone Abbey in Scotland when the Scots were defeated. When Scotland had a separate ruler, on this stone many Scottish kings were crowned

**P:**

The greatness of the Houses of Parliament was meant to symbolize the might of the British Empire. The size of the building is impressing even if we take into account the tastes of the last century: the corridors are 3 kilometers long, there are 1100 rooms, 100 staircases and so on. The lion facing the Thames embankment also symbolizes the might of the British Empire. It is a popular English symbol found on the British coat of arms.

**P:**

Clock tower Big Ben has 98m of its high. It has hour mechanism, diversified by very high accuracy. This is the main clock of state. Its striking is transmitting by English radio stations. It has named by the name of Benjamin Hall, one of the leaders of construction, which was named Big Ben by his high growing.

**P:**

Buckingham Palace has been a country residence of the Duke of Buckingham some time ago. But in the 19th century it was rebuilt for King George. A spacious oval square was made in front of the palace. Later the square was decorated with the monument to Queen Victoria built in 1941.

**P:**

Hyde Park is the largest and the most popular of the London Parks. There is Speaker’s Corner in it where orators of all types and persuasions declare their various opinions for those who wish to hear. Here you can take a ride on horseback and for this purpose you can hire a horse. The horse-rides usually end in Hyde Park Corner near Marble Arch. Marble Arch was built to commemorate Lord Wellington’s victory over Napoleon in the Battle of Waterloo.

**P:**

**T: Well done. Now I want to check up how you listened to your classmates. Match the sights and the words associated with them:**

1 Trafalgar Square

2 The Houses of Parliament

3 Buckingham Palace

4 St. Paul’s Cathedral

5 St. James’ Park

A Prime Minister

B The Queen

C Christopher Wren

D Zoo

E Nelson’s Column

**T**: ***You are in London. Imagine that you want to get to Trafalgar Square. Make up the dialogue.***

**Dialogue 1**

* Excuse me can you tell me the way to Trafalgar Square?
* Certainly. Go down Regent to Piccadilly Circus, and then go down the Haymarket. Turn to the left at the bottom and in less than a minute you’ll be in Trafalgar Square.
* Thank you very much. How far is it from here?
* If you walk, it’ll take you ten minutes or quarter of an hour
* Is there a bus?
* There’s sure to be. But you’d better ask the policeman over there,

He’ll give you all the information you want.

* Thank you

**Dialogue 2**

* Excuse me, officer, is there a bus from here to Trafalgar Square?
* Yes, madam, any bus will take you. There’s a bus-stop just over there. Ask the conductor to put you down at Trafalgar Square.
* Thank you.

**Dialogue 3**

* Does this bus go to Trafalgar Square?
* Yes, madam. Come along, hurry up…
* And will you tell me when we get there?
* Trafalgar Square! This is where you get off, madam.
* Thank you.

**T: The next task .Fill in the sentences with the words in the table:**

London, Queen, cities, The Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, centre.

1. …….. is the capital of Great Britain.
2. London is one of the largest ………… in the world.
3. There is a Nelson’s Column in the centre of ……….. .
4. ………. is the meeting point of six streets.
5. ……….. is the seat of the British government.
6. Covent Garden is a fashionable trading …….. .
7. Buckingham Palace is the London home of the ……….. .

**T: Find 13 words associated with London**

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1. **It’s the London home of the Queen.**
2. **The French Battle of \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the 1805.**
3. **You can see the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the river Thames. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ is very old. It has a long and cruel history.**
4. **The capital of Great Britain.**
5. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is really a bell. You hear it every hour.**
6. **The funeral service for Diana, Princess of Wales took place in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in September 1997.**
7. **On the column in the centre there is a statue of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
8. **We know that Westminster Abbey was built by King \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1065.**
9. **There is a … Column in the center of Trafalgar square.**

**The final part : Letter**

**Complete the postcard. Use the following words and phrases:**and, holiday, dear, Alice, went, see you soon, a good time, Buckingham Palace, the, Houses of Parliament, seen, Cathedral, weather, London

… Dan …Kate,

We’re on …in London. We’re having … . Yesterday we … to the … and … . Today we’ve … St. Paul’s … and … Tower of …. The … is warm. Hope you’re well, …

Love ….

Dan and Kate

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**T:**Thank you for your active work at the lesson! The marks are …

**Home task** :***Read the part of the letter you have received from your pen friend from London. Write a reply to him /her***.

As for me, I’m going to spend two weeks at the seaside in France with my parents. Then I’ll be athome. So, I have a great idea. You mentioned, you had never been to London and I invite you to visit our city in August. Let me know what you think about this and what places you would like to visit in London. It would be great to see you.

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