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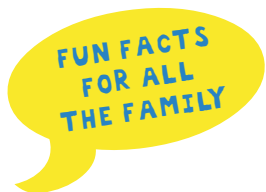
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Londýn
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Londyn
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RANDOM FACTS ABOUT LONDON



- London is the **CAPITAL** city of England and Great Britain
- London is the sixth **RICHEST** city in the world
- London is made up of two cities: **WESTMINSTER** and the **CITY OF LONDON**
- London is its own county called **GREATER LONDON**
- London has a reputation for being a **RAINY** city but in fact it is one of the **DRIEST** capitals in Europe
- MORE PEOPLE** live in London than in any other city in Europe
- If London were a country, it would be the **35TH BIGGEST** in Europe
- 53 countries in the world are **SMALLER** than London
- Almost a quarter of Londoners are **CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS**
- TEXT SPEAK** for London is LDN

London by numbers

- 1 **BILLION** passengers travel on the Tube every year
- 25 **MILLION** visitors come to stay in London every year
- 13 **MILLION** people go to London's theatres every year
- 7.7 **MILLION** people live in London
- 5.6 **MILLION** go to the British Museum every year
- 3.5 **MILLION** passengers take the Tube each day
- 1,213,870 children go to school in London
- 36,000 people run the London Marathon



Random places called London . . .

- . . . a village on **CHRISTMAS ISLAND** in the Pacific Ocean
- . . . a city in **ONTARIO**, Canada. The river that flows through it is called the Thames!
- . . . a city in **SOUTH AFRICA** called East London
- . . . eight towns in the **USA**:
 - London, Arkansas • London, California • London, Kentucky • London, Minnesota
 - London, Ohio • London, Pennsylvania • London, Texas • London, West Virginia

What's in a name?

- The Celtic word **LOND** means **A WILD PLACE**. **DON** means **FORTRESS OR HILL FORT**.
- The Latin word **LAUNDUN** means **CITY OF THE MOON** and London had a temple devoted to the goddess Diana, associated with the moon.
- The Anglo-Saxons called the abandoned Roman city **LUNDENBURH**, which means **LONDON FORT**.
- **LUNDENWIC**, the Saxon settlement at Aldwych, means **LONDON TRADING TOWN**.
- Geoffrey of Monmouth wrote in 1136 that London was called London after **LUD**, a pre-Roman King of Britain. **LUDGATE** is one of the old gateways into the City of London.

London has . . . **79** adventure playgrounds

17,000 bus stops **8,000** bicycles to hire

7,000 stray dogs **7,000** buses

4,500 pubs and bars **300** LANGUAGES

700 bus routes **40** West End theatres

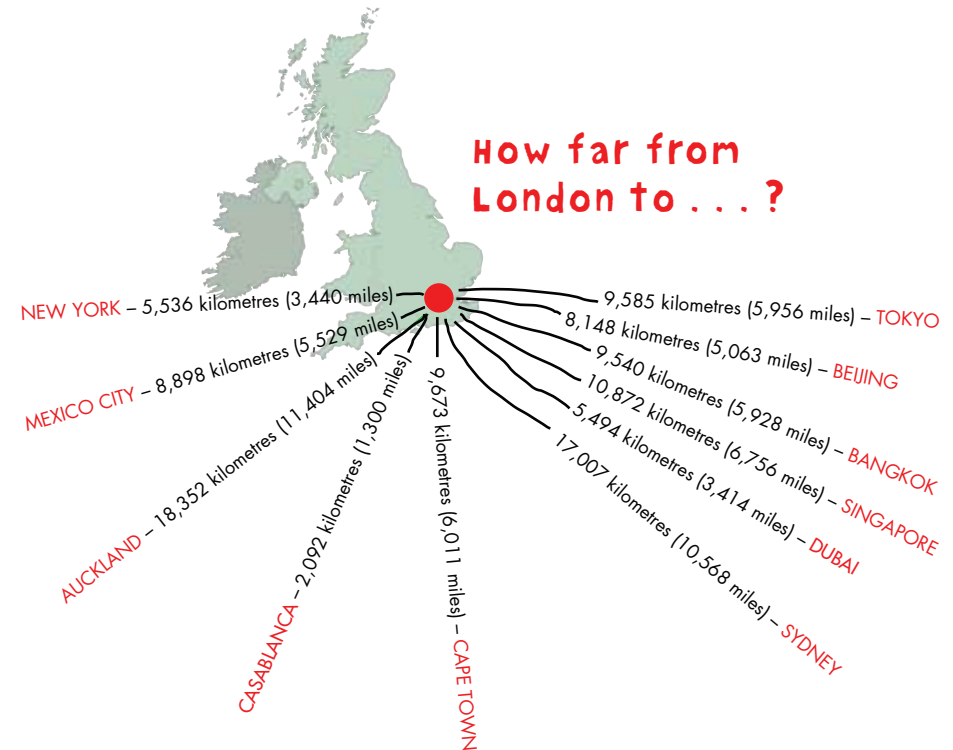
30 rivers and canals **5** royal parks **32** BOROUGHs

2 cathedrals

11 heaths, forests and commons

1 QUEEN **1** Prime Minister

17,000 black taxi cabs



LONDON MONOPOLY

There are twenty-two streets of London on the Monopoly board.

There is only one street in south London: Old Kent Road.

Angel is the only 'street' on the board that is not actually a London street. The people who created the London version of the game would meet over tea at Lyon's Corner House at the Angel.

There are only four railway stations in Monopoly: Liverpool Street, Fenchurch Street, Euston and Marylebone.

Vine Street is a tiny dead-end alleyway in Piccadilly, of no significance at all.