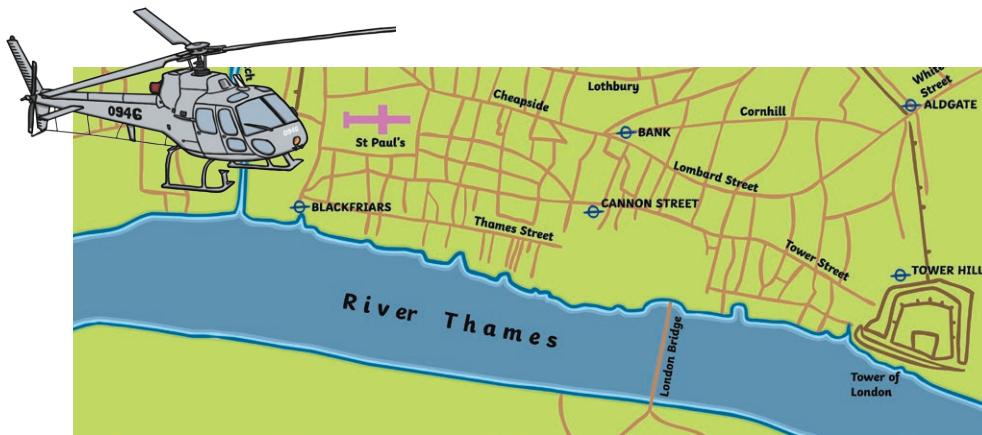


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# Quick Questions



1. Match these places to what you would find there.

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crown jewels

Tower of London

The Queen

Buckingham Palace

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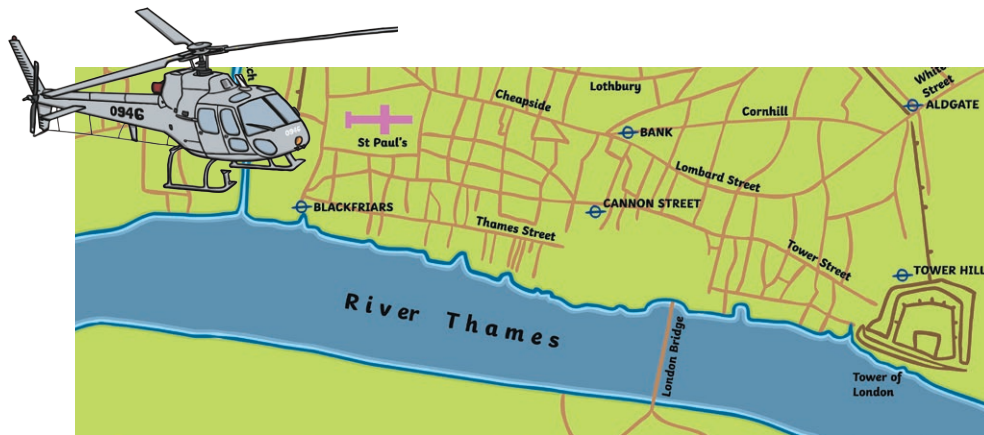


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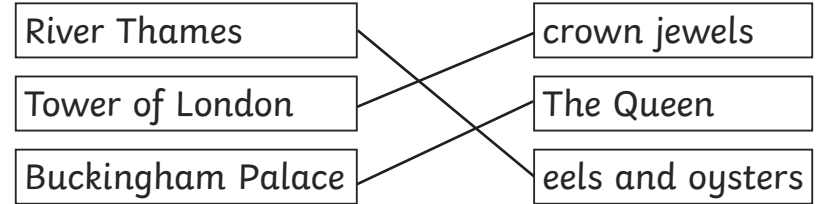
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# Answers



1. Match these places to what you would find there.



2. How does the author feel about London? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. **Accept any sensible inference linked to the text, e.g. The author likes London because he says 'What a fantastic city this is!'**



3. What might the passengers see next on the tour? **Accept any sensible prediction linked to their knowledge of the city, e.g. The passengers might see the London Eye/the Houses of Parliament/ some red buses.**



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