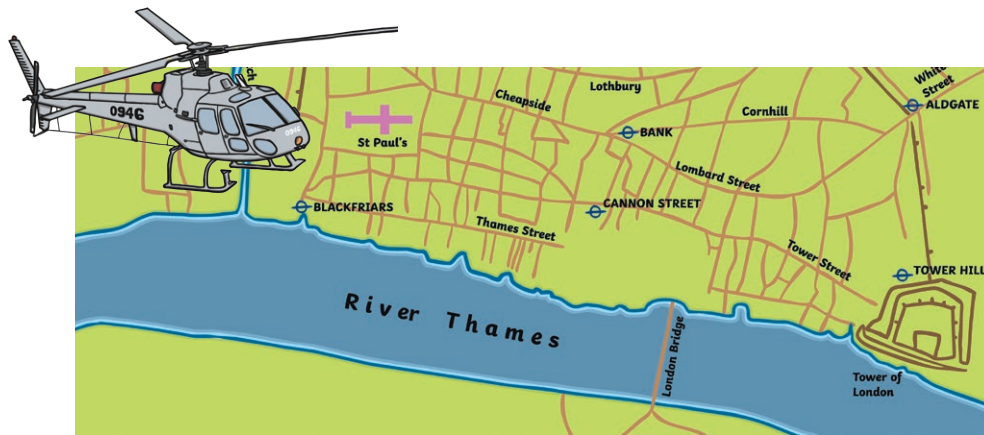


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# Quick Questions



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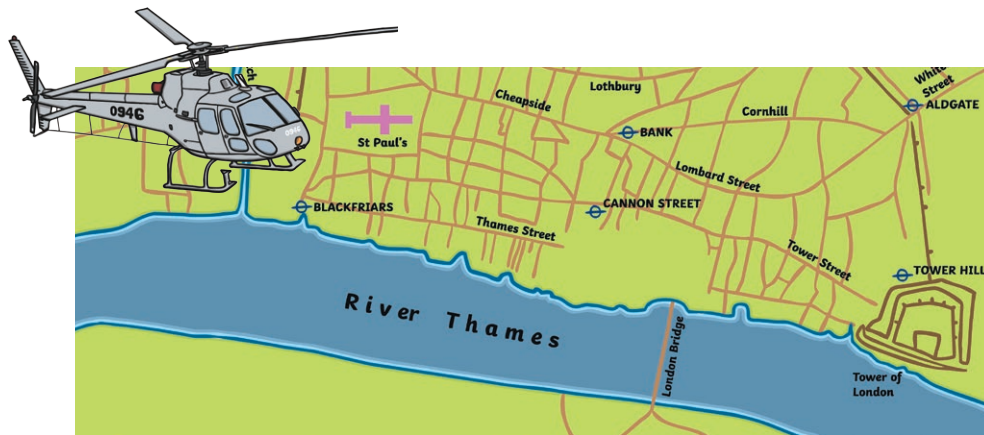


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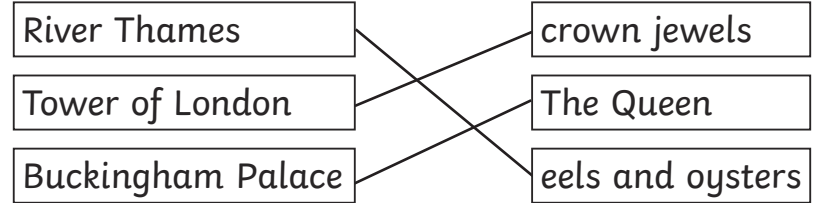
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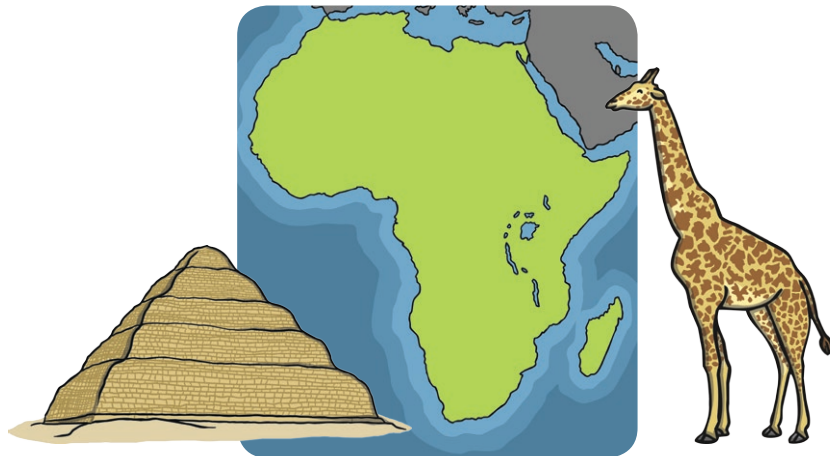
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# All about Africa

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34 than one billion people. In Northern Africa, you  
43 can trek through the Sahara desert; it is the  
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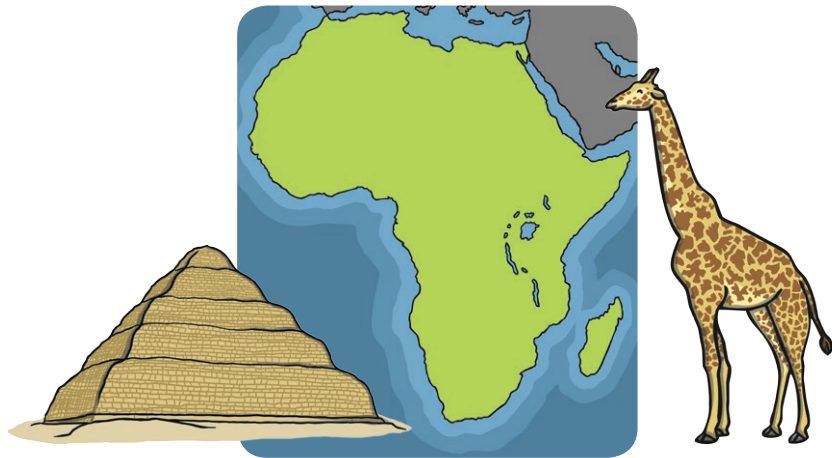
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**Accept any two from: elephants, giraffes and cheetahs.**



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**Accept any sensible justification linked to the text, e.g. They might come to Africa because they want to see new and exotic animals that they could not see in their own country in the wild.**



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**Accept any reasonable definition which refers to 'trek' as meaning walking/hiking, etc.**

# I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside

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- 47 You save your money all the year until summer  
49 comes around.  
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64 cockle shells are found.
- 73 Oh! I do like to be beside the seaside!  
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# Answers



1. Which adjective does the author use to describe the sea?  
**silvery**



2. In the text, what type of shells are found at the seaside?  
**cockle shells**



3. Why might someone need to save their money all year to go to the seaside?  
**Accept any sensible inference, e.g. They need to save their money because it costs a lot to have a holiday at the seaside.**



4. How does the author feel about the seaside? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.  
**Accept any sensible answer linked to the text, e.g. The author loves the seaside because he says 'I do like to be beside the seaside'.**

# The Isle of Coll

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72 cancelled. There are only two main roads on the  
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# Answers



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**Monday and Wednesday**



2. Why might there be no buses or trains on the island?

**Accept any sensible reason linked to the text, e.g. There are no buses and trains because the island is so small that they do not need them; they can walk or cycle instead.**



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**beautiful and sandy**

