# London Past and Present



# Learning Intention:

To find out some of the ways in which London has changed.

# Steps to Success

- I can talk about how the buildings in London were different in the past.
- I can talk about how people travelled differently in London in the past.
- I can talk about people from London in the past and present.
- I can compare past and present London to say what things are different and similar.

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# Present Day London

For this activity you need your sheet:

Lesson 2

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LONDON TODAY

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| **Transport** | **People's clothes** |
| | |

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# Present Day London

Here are some photographs of London today. Can you use them to fill in your LONDON TODAY sheet?

We will look at...

- Houses and buildings
- London at night
- Transport
- London people

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# Houses and buildings



Most people in London today live in flats like these.

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# Houses and buildings



This is a block of flats in Clerkenwell called Cavendish Mansions.

A block of flats is like a big building that has been split into many different rooms. Lots of different families can live in the same building this way.

This is useful in a busy city like London, where many people need somewhere to live but there is not very much space.

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# Houses and buildings



This is a photo of a *tower block* of flats.

Hundreds and hundreds of people (sometimes thousands!) can live in tower blocks because they are so tall.
When people build flats nowadays, they almost always build tower blocks so they can fit more people in.

Another name for these very tall buildings is **skyscrapers.**



Why do you think they are also called *skyscrapers?*

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# Houses and buildings

Flats are not the only things built in *blocks*.



These buildings you can see here are **office blocks**.

There are nearly one thousand office blocks in London with lots of different companies inside each one.



Why do you think these skyscrapers are usually built out of glass?

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# London at night




This is a picture of London at night.

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# London at night





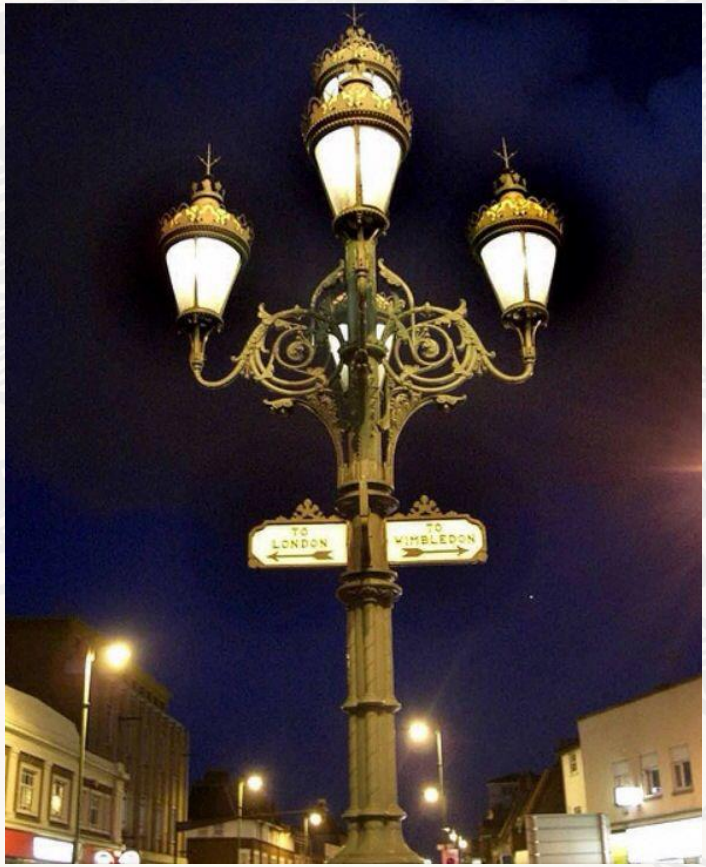

It doesn't look very dark, does it?



What stops it from being dark? What sources of light can you spot?

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# London at night




Street lamps like this are on every street in London.

They are powered by electricity.



Why do you think they are important?

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# London at night



This is a **birds eye view** of London at night. It looks very colourful because of all the different street, shop and office lights.

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# London transport















Can you name all the forms of transport people can take in London today?

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# London transport



Some people drive cars in London. It is quite hard to find a parking space so most people don't drive their own car.



Some people ride bikes in London. It is easier to find somewhere to lock up your bike, and it is cheaper than owning your own car.

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# London transport




Some people catch taxi cabs (you can also call them taxis). You tell the taxi driver where you need to get to, and it costs more money the longer you are in the taxi.

These are especially good for tourists and visitors to London.




More people nowadays take **ubers**. You use your phone to book an uber.

They are very popular because they are cheaper than taxis and it is easy to book one using your phone.

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# London transport




There are 700 different bus routes in London.



How do I know if this is the bus I want?

Sometimes you have to change onto a different bus to get all the way to where you want to go.

You wait at a bus stop and hold your hand out to show the driver you want to get on.




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# London transport




The London Underground is also called **the tube**. It got its nickname because the trains run through tunnels shaped like tubes.

There are 11 different lines and 270 different stations!



A tube map

The first London Underground train ran in 1863. The Metropolitan line is the oldest tube line.




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# London people



All sorts of different people live in London nowadays.

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# London people





Nearly 9 million people live in London.

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# London people






You can wear whatever you want to wear in London: dresses, tops, shirts, trousers, skirts, jackets, coats… can you think of any other types of clothes? Londoners buy their clothes at markets, in clothes shops or online. Hardly anyone makes their own clothes nowadays.

Clothes are made out of lots of different fabrics, like cotton, wool, polyester, linen, silk, nylon, leather and more! Machines help us to cut the fabric and sew the clothes.

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# Now you need Sheet 2!

Part 2

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LONDON IN 1666

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# London in 1666

We are about to go back in time by around 355 years to visit London in the year 1666. This was a very important year in the history of London.

Look at your information on Sheet Number 1. What do you think might be different about London in the past?

In the past, I think London might not have had…

I don't think London had _____ in the past.

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# London in 1666

We don’t have any photographs of what London was like in the past.



- Why don’t we have photos of London in 1666?
- What can we use to find out what London was like then?

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# Houses and buildings



This is a painting of a Tudor house.
It is called a *Tudor house* because it was built when the royal family with the surname Tudor was in charge.

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# Houses and buildings

Tudor roofs were either **thatched** (covered in straw) or had clay or stone tiles.

Tudor houses had chimneys to let the smoke from their fires out.



The white part of the house is called **daub**. It is a mixture of clay, sand and animal poo (dung). This was painted over **wattle**, lots of tiny sticks woven together.

The black parts of the house are made from timber (strong wood) painted with tar to make it stronger.

Glass was expensive in Tudor times, so windows were very tiny. Poor people couldn't afford glass so their windows were empty.

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# Houses and buildings



Tudor houses were not more than two or three floors high.

They were built very close together and the streets were narrow.

Lots of different families lived in the same house if they were not rich. Rich people owned their own houses and lived in the whole house by themselves.



Are there any similarities or differences between London houses in the past and in the present?

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# London at night



In 1666, London could be a very dark place at night.



Can you guess why?

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# London at night



There were hardly any street lamps.



Can you guess why?

The dark streets meant it was easy for thieves and robbers to pounce on people as they walked around. The streets of London in 1666 were not very safe because of this, and also because you could fall over on the bumpy roads in the dark.

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# London at night



This street has one lamp hanging outside somebody's house. That means they were responsible for making sure it was lit.

Can you see the dim lights coming from inside the houses? There was no **electricity** in 1666. Instead, people lit a fire in order to see. This is also how they kept warm.

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# London transport
















Do you think any of these modes of transport were around in 1666?

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# London transport













NO

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# London transport



In 1666, people either **walked** or travelled by **horse and cart.**

If you could afford it, you would pay someone to take you in their cart.

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# London transport



The more people were travelling, the more horses you needed.

The roads were not smooth like they are today. They were cobbled.

People and horses sometimes tripped on the uneven roads.



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# London people



This is a painting of some rich people in the past.

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# London people



Rich people (both men and women) wore fabrics like silk, velvet and linen.

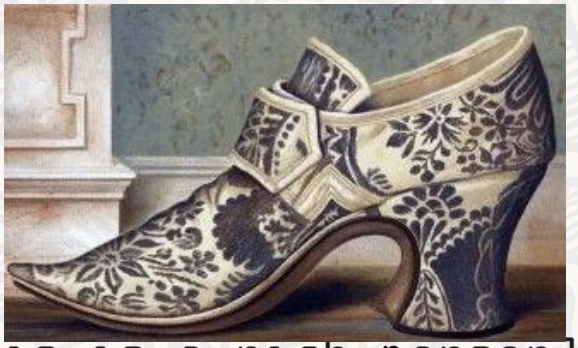
Most men wore hose (a bit like thick tights).



This man is not quite as rich. He doesn't have a wig - instead, he has grown his own hair.

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# London people



This is a rich person's shoe, made out of leather and decorated with cloth and hand painted patterns.



This shoe is not as fancy. It is made out of leather.

Poor people in 1666 wore clothes made out of simple wool and cloth.



Very poor people couldn't afford shoes. Can you think why?

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# London people



Rich people would pay someone to make their clothes for them. They would either go to a shop, or make someone come to their house with the clothes.



Poor people sewed their own clothes. They might only have one outfit.

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