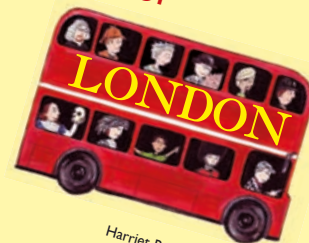


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From daredevil double deckers leaping over Tower Bridge to drunken barristers unable to stand up to toast the King, this pocket A-Z is filled with fun and quirky facts about London.

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London has hundreds of museums. You can see everything from the oldest Egyptian mummy to a space capsule that circled the moon.

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Lord Nelson joined the Royal Navy as a boy and lost an arm in battle. He led Britain to victory at the Battle of Trafalgar but died in the fight.

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Queen Victoria appeared on the first ever stamp in 1840. British stamps are still identified by an image of the monarch - not by country name.

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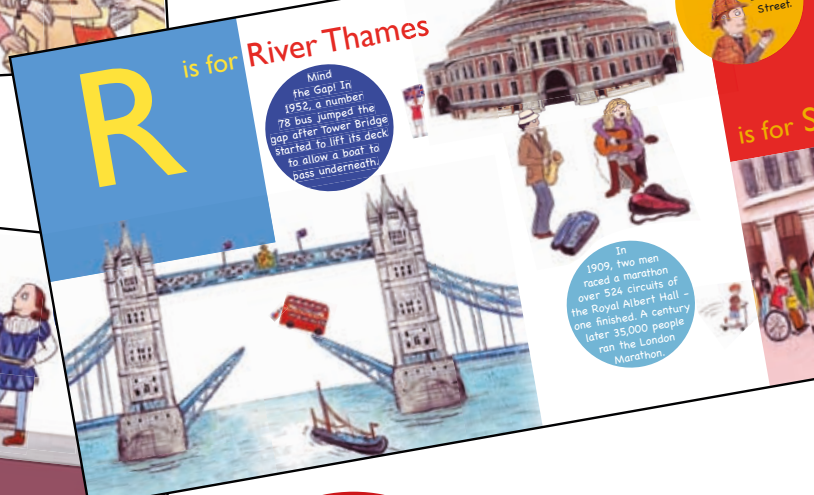

Watch the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. The Rag flying on top is the Royal Standard and shows that the monarch is at home.

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Mind the Gap! In 1952 a number 18 bus jumped the gap after Tower Bridge started to lift its deck to allow a boat to pass underneath.

In 1909, two men raced a marathon over 524 circuits of the Royal Albert Hall - one finished. A century later 35,000 people ran the London Marathon.

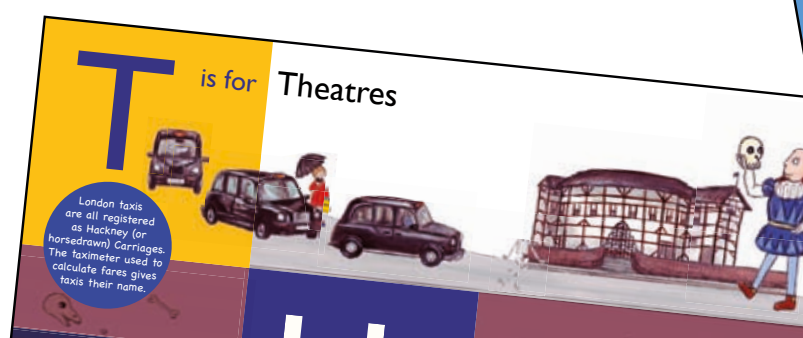
Detective Sherlock Holmes lived at 221b Baker Street.

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London taxis are all registered as Hackney (or horsedrawn) Carriages. The taximeter used to calculate fares gives taxis their name.

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