
Tower

Read the text. Then answer the questions below in 1 to 5 words/numbers. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Tower of London

The Tower of London was started by William the Conqueror in 1078. More buildings have been added over the centuries. William built the Tower as a castle and a palace. Since then, it has been used as a zoo and a mint (where money is made), as well as to store weapons. It is most famous, however, as a prison.

The White Tower

The White Tower is at the heart of the Tower of London site. More than 900 years old, it is the oldest building on the site.

The White Tower has been home to kings and queens, as well as their prisoners.

The first prisoner ever held in the White Tower escaped by climbing down a rope that had been hidden inside a wine barrel.

Armoury

The Tower Armoury was used to store weapons and armour. You can still see Henry VIII's suits of armour on display here.

Convicted prisoners were executed at the Tower. In the Armoury you can see a real block and axe once used to execute prisoners.

The Crown Jewels

The Crown Jewels have been kept at the Tower since the fourteenth century. You can see them on display in the Jewel House. The collection includes Saint Edward's Crown, used to crown a new king or queen, and the Imperial State Crown, which has 3,000 precious jewels.

0. Who started building the Tower?



William the Conqueror

1. What was the Tower of London used for? (Give one example.)



2. What is the oldest building at the Tower of London?



3. What can you see in the Armoury? (Give one example.)



4. Since when have the Crown Jewels been in the Tower of London?



5. How many jewels does the Imperial State Crown have?


