

Teaching notes

In this episode, we see Buchi from Episode 2 on a cruise boat tour of London. He tells us interesting facts about places of cultural and historical interest on the way.

Grammar countable/uncountable, present simple and present continuous.

Vocabulary *and, but, too, places*

Background information

A good way to explore **London** is by cruise boat. Boats depart regularly from different points along the River Thames. There are all different kinds of boats, some are for sightseeing, sometimes with a tour guide to tell you all about the city. There are also party boats for celebrating special occasions. Lots of different types of tickets are available and visitors to London often choose the 'hop on, hop off' tickets so they can get on and off boats at different places along the river all day.

Before you watch

- 1 Warm up** Ask students if they know any places in London. Ask if any of the students have visited London. Divide the students into pairs and ask them to do the exercise.

While you watch

- Ask students to read Exercise 2 to see what information they need to listen for. Tell students to listen carefully to what Buchi says and take notes. Play the first part of the episode (0:08:53–0:09:14). Then play the episode again so they can check their notes and write their answers.
- 3a** Elicit information from students about the places mentioned in Exercise 3a and ask them if they know anything about these places. Tell students to do the exercise. Play the second part of the episode (0:09:14–0:12:06).
- 3b** Divide the students into pairs to do this exercise. Elicit answers from the class.

- Divide the class into teams of three to five students. Tell students that they are going to guess the answers to these questions first and that they will then watch the rest of the episode and Buchi will provide all the correct answers. Play the second part of the episode again. You can ask students to swap their lists of places with another pair to check their answers and reward the pair with the most correct answers.

After you watch

- Divide the class into pairs and give them a few minutes to act out these mini conversations. Ask a few pairs to report what their partner said.
- 6a and b** Divide the class into pairs. Tell students they need to use all of the information they have from the episode and, if possible, provide them with other sources of information, e.g. tourist information brochures, encyclopedias and the internet. This activity can also be given as homework.

Key

Before you watch

1 1 d 2 e 3 f 4 a 5 b 6 c

While you watch

- 1 cloudy.
2 on Westminster Bridge. / in London.
3 taking a photo of Big Ben. / The Houses of Parliament.
4 a boat. / a river. / people, cars, and buses.

3a the Millenium Bridge 3
Shakespeare's Globe Theatre 4
The Tower of London 7
HMS Belfast 6 Canary Wharf 8
The London Eye 1 Tower Bridge 5

3b Student's own answers.

4 2 b 3 a 4 b 5 b 6 a 7 a 8 a 9 a 10 b

After you watch

5, 6a and b Student's own answers.

Video script

1 Westminster Bridge 0:08:53–0:09:14

Buchi There are some amazing things to see in London. Like the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. I'm standing on Westminster Bridge and London looks fantastic from here. But it looks great down there, too. That's right, from the River Thames!

2 Thames cruise boat 0:09:14 – 0:12:06

Buchi This is the way to see London. On a city cruise boat! And that's the London Eye. The London Eye is really popular. In fact, three and a half million people go on it every year. It's 135 metres tall, and on a clear day you can see up to 40 kilometres!

There's St Paul's – London's cathedral. It was designed by Sir Christopher Wren. It's 108 metres tall – but it's over 300 years old!

OK, here's a quick lesson about the River Thames. The Thames is 346 kilometres long. There are 104 bridges over the river. And this is London's first new bridge in 100 years... the Millenium Bridge. The Millenium Bridge! It's 330 metres long. And this is cool. It's only for people.

And that's Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Well, it isn't really Shakespeare's. In fact, it's quite new. But you can see his plays here every summer.

Up ahead is Tower Bridge – it's the best bridge ever! The middle section opens like this – so big ships can go through it. But we can go under it easily!

Now we're going past HMS Belfast. This ship was in action in World War Two. It's now over seventy years old!

And that's the famous Tower of London. Its tower is nearly a thousand years old. Really!

But this is the new London – Canary Wharf. It's an important business centre. That tall tower is called One Canada Square. It's 200 metres tall.

And now we're coming to Greenwich, the end of our journey.

But I know what I want to do next. I'm going back to Westminster... by boat!