

# ACTIVITY

TEACHER'S NAME

NAME OF THE ACTIVITY

Květoslava

London Eye information gap activity

Time: 20-30 minutes

Language level: Pre-Intermediate to Upper-Intermediate

Language focus: asking and answering questions using 'How many', 'How

tall', 'How big', 'How heavy'.

Aim: Ss will improve their ability to ask and answer questions in the target

language

Ss will learn facts about the London eye

Preparation:

Materials:

worksheets for Ss

worksheet for Ss

## Procedure:

- Ss work in pairs
- Ss take it in turns to ask and answer questions about the London Eye
- Feedback: -Ss compare their answers with their partner's
  - group / class feedback

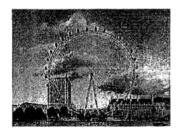
#### FACTS ABOUT THE LONDON EYE

Siváková Květoslava

## STUDENT B: Ask your partner questions to find out the missing information.

- 1. It took <sup>1</sup>...... years for the construction of the London Eye and several architects designed it. (How long did it take to build the London Eye?)
- 3. You can see twenty-five miles or 40 km in any direction from the Eye's capsules. On a clear day, you can even see <sup>3</sup>.....
- 4. There are thirty-two capsules on the London Eye, which is one for each London borough.
- 5. For superstitious reasons, they're actually numbered <sup>4</sup>..... (since they skip number 13).
- 6. Each of the 32 capsules can hold up to 25 passengers and a capsule weighs tonnes.
- 7. The Eye can carry 800 people on every rotation.
- 8. The London eye is <sup>6</sup>..... meters tall, and it has a diameter of 120 meters.
- 9. A capsule weighs <sup>7</sup>..... tonnes, which means the entire wheel weights <sup>8</sup>..... tones.
- The spindle which holds the wheel weighs over 300 tonnes and is <sup>9</sup>..... metres high.
- 11. A complete rotation of the London Eye takes 30 minutes, meaning that each capsule travels at <sup>10</sup>....., or 0.6 miles per hour, and the wheel doesn't stop for the passengers to step in and out. It just moves so slowly that people can easily get in and out without missing their capsule.
- 12. Three-and-a-half million people visit the London Eye every year, including both tourists and Londoners. This is more people than visit either the Taj Mahal or the Great Pyramids of Giza.





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#### STUDENT A: Ask your partner questions to find out the missing information.

- 1. It took <sup>1</sup>...... years for the construction of the London Eye and several architects designed it. (How long did it take to build the London Eye?)
- 2. It was opened on <sup>2</sup>...... by the then Prime Minister Tony Blair but it was on March 9 2000 when it was opened for general public for the first time.
- 3. You can see <sup>3</sup>..... miles or 40 km in any direction from the Eye's capsules. On a clear day, you can even see Windsor Castle.
- 4. There are <sup>4</sup>..... capsules on the London Eye, which is one for each London borough.
- 5. For superstitious reasons, they're actually numbered 1-33 (since they skip number 13).
- 6. Each of the 32 capsules can hold up to 5...... passengers and a capsule weighs 10 tonnes.
- 7. The Eye can carry <sup>6</sup>..... people on every rotation.
- 8. The London eye is 135 meters tall, and it has a diameter of <sup>7</sup>..... meters.
- 9. A capsule weighs 10 tonnes, which means the entire wheel weights 320 tones.
- 10. The spindle which holds the wheel weighs over 8..... tonnes and is 23 metres high.
- 11. A complete rotation of the London Eye takes 9...... minutes, meaning that each capsule travels at 26 cm per second, or 0.6 miles per hour, and the wheel doesn't stop for the passengers to step in and out. It just moves so slowly that people can easily get in and out without missing their capsule.
- 12. 10 people visit the London Eye every year, including both tourists and Londoners. This is more people than visit either the Taj Mahal or the Great Pyramids of Giza.



