

Text:

Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace is a palace in the City of Westminster, **which** is part of central London, England in the United Kingdom.

John Sheffield **who** was the first Duke of Buckingham and Normandy, built it in 1703 as a townhouse. Buckingham Palace started to be the official London residence of the UK's sovereigns(King, Queen, Prince...)in 1837 and today is the administrative headquarters of the Monarch.

Buckingham Palace has 775 rooms. These include 19 State rooms, 52 Royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms, 92 offices and 78 bathrooms. In measurements, the building is 108 metres long across the front, 120 metres deep and 24 metres high.

More than 50,000 people visit the Palace each year as guests to State banquets, lunches, dinners, receptions and Garden Parties. Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II also holds weekly audiences with the Prime Minister and receives foreign Ambassadors at Buckingham Palace. The palace is open to the public during the summer months and for a limited number of tours in December, January and at Easter each year.



Adapted from <https://www.royal.uk/royal-residences-buckingham-palace>

Read the text then do the following activities :

Part One (14 points) : A/ Reading Comprehension:(07 points)

Activity 1: Read the text and answer the following questions:

(02 Pts.)

1/ What do the underlined words in the text refer to ? (**which – who**)

2/ Is Buckingham Palace located in the city of Manchester?

Activity 2: Complete the table with information from the text :

(03 Pts.)

Name	Location	Builder	Date of building	Number of rooms	Length	Height
Buckingham Palace						

Activity 3: a/Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following: (01 Pt.)

middle = -----

began =-----

b/Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following :(01 Pt.)

last ≠ -----

close ≠ -----

B / Mastery of Language: (07 points)

Activity One: Supply punctuation and capital letters where necessary: (02 Pts.)

the victoria memorial is a monument in front of buckingham palace

Activity Two: Complete the table: (03 Pts.)

<i>Adjective</i>	<i>Comparative Form</i>	<i>Superlative Form</i>
	prettier than	
good		
		the most attractive

Activity Three: Find in the text four words that have the following sounds: (02 Pts.)

<i>/ ai / buy</i>	<i>/ ei / take</i>
1/.....	1/.....
2/.....	2/.....

Part Two : Written Expression : (06 Pts.)

***One of the most famous monuments of London and the United Kingdom is Big Ben.
Write an e-mail of about (8 lines)to a friend of yours describing it using the information below:***

- ✚ Big Ben /Clock Tower - north end of the Palace of Westminster in London
- ✚ Edmund Beckett Denison (to design and to complete it 1859)
- ✚ Tower (height: 96 m)
- ✚ clock: (to have (4 faces)- diameter:2.8 m - weight :5 tons)
- ✚ Bell (weight : 13 tons) .It (to sound at the top of every hour)
- ✚ Today, Big Ben (to appear in films and postcards. It (to ring - in the New Year Eve) .

