

## READING

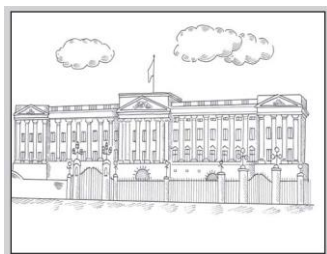
### **Buckingham Palace**

Buckingham Palace is the London home of the Queen and her husband the Duke of Edinburgh. The Duke of Buckingham built the house in 1702.

The gardens of Buckingham Palace are enormous. They are the biggest private gardens in London. The Queen has garden parties there every summer. Over 8,000 people come to these parties.

The palace is very big. It is 108 metres wide, 120 metres long and 24 metres high. It has 775 rooms. The biggest room is the ballroom. It's 37 metres long. The dining room is smaller but 150 can eat there. There are 52 big bedrooms for the royal family and their guests and 188 smaller bedrooms. (But there are 'only' 78 bathrooms!) 450 people work in Buckingham Palace.

In 1993 the Queen opened some rooms of Buckingham Palace to tourists. Many just look round and say, 'Wow! The Queen lives here.'



#### **1 Right (✓), wrong (✗) or doesn't say (DS)?**

- 0 Buckingham Palace is in Edinburgh. ✗
- 1 It was smaller in 1702. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The gardens are very big. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 The biggest room is the dining room. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Tourists can visit Buckingham Palace. \_\_\_\_\_

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**2 Write the answers.**

0 Where is Buckingham Palace?

*In London.*

1 When did the Duke of Buckingham build Buckingham Palace?

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2 When does the Queen have garden parties?

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3 How many rooms has Buckingham Palace got?

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4 How many people can eat in the dining room?

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5 When did the Queen open some rooms to tourists?

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