

# Buckingham Palace



**DOMAINE 1 :**  
Comprendre, s'exprimer en  
utilisant une langue étrangère.

**Lire et comprendre l'écrit**  
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Buckingham Palace is the King's official and main royal London home.

It was originally a big mansion built by the Duke of Buckingham for his wife.

George IV began transforming it into a palace in 1826.

It has been the official London residence of Britain's monarchy since 1837.

Queen Victoria was the first monarch to live there.

Buckingham Palace is the King's official and main royal London home, although the Queen regularly spent time at Windsor Castle and Balmoral in Scotland.

Buckingham Palace is used also for the administrative work for the monarchy. It is here in the state apartments that His Majesty receives and entertains guests invited to the Palace.

When the King is at home, you can see his royal flag flying from the flag pole on top of Buckingham Palace. This flag is called the Royal Standard.

The King's Guard are responsible for guarding Buckingham Palace and St. James's Palace in London. They usually consist of Foot Guards in full-dress uniform of red tunics and bearskins.

When The King is in residence, there are a lot at the front of the building; when he is away there are two.

The King's Guard changes in the Forecourt of Buckingham Palace at 11:30am every day.

**Answer the questions in full sentences**

1. What is Buckingham Palace?

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2. Who had the Buckingham Palace built?

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3. When did the mansion start to transform into a palace?

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4. Where does the King spend some time?

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5. Where does the King receive her guests?

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6. What can one see on the top of the Palace when the King is at home?

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7. What do the King's Guards do?

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8. How often do the King's Guards change?

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