



London Eye and Big Ben

Sam and Alex are visiting London. Sam wants to go on the London Eye. Alex wants to see Big Ben. Sam and Alex have never been to London before. They are both very excited!

R: How many times have Sam and Alex been to London before?

Sam and Alex visit the London Eye first. The London Eye is a big wheel. It's like the Ferris wheel at a fair. The wheel has pods on it. You can go inside the pods and ride the wheel.

I: Draw a picture of the London Eye in the space below.

Sam and Alex join the queue. They have to wait for their turn. The wheel spins very slowly. It doesn't stop moving – even when you have to get on. Sam giggles as she steps into the pod. She's excited. She finds it funny that it is still moving. Alex doesn't find it funny. Alex would like to get on while it is still. He wants it to stop. Alex jumps on quickly.

I: How do you think Alex feels about getting on the wheel?



Sam and Alex ride in their pod. They go very high! They can see a long way. Sam can see the River Thames. The River Thames is far below them.

'Look!' cries Alex. 'I can see a tower!'

Sam and Alex look at the tower. They can see a famous clock tower. There are bells inside the clock tower. The biggest bell in the tower is called Big Ben. The bells chime as they watch. The bells chime a tune. Then Big Ben bongs 3 times very loudly. It is 3 o'clock.

V: Find the word in the story that means the opposite of quietly.

R: What can Sam see from the wheel?

I: How do we know it is 3 o'clock?

Sam and Alex enjoy the ride. After 30 minutes, they are back on the ground. Alex would like to visit Big Ben now. He wants to see the tower from the ground. Sam and Alex visit the clock tower. Alex takes some photos. He can show his friends when he gets home.