

# Reading Booklet

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Useful words

Buckingham Palace

scampered

brooch

Majesty

# Anisha And The Queen

Every year, Anisha's dad took her to London for a day out. Anisha loved visiting London. She loved seeing all the busy people and staring up at the tall buildings. It was always a thrill when Dad drove over Tower Bridge and Anisha loved the funny feeling in her tummy when she saw Big Ben.

But the best bit was going to Buckingham Palace. It was where The Queen lived.

One year, Dad asked Anisha if she wanted to go inside the palace to have a look around.

“Yes, please!” she said, with a huge smile on her face.

Inside the palace, it was incredibly posh with old-looking furniture, hundreds of rooms and huge paintings. Dad was taking lots of pictures with his special camera.

“If we get split up,” he said, “ask one of the Queen's staff to help. They wear a royal symbol.”

The Queen had all sorts of people working for her. There were lots of guards and people in funny uniforms. But no matter where Anisha and her dad went, there was no sign of The Queen herself.

“Where do you think she is?” Anisha asked Dad when they were sitting in the Garden Café. Dad was sipping a large coffee and Anisha had a strawberry milkshake.

“The Queen is a very busy lady,” Dad replied as he looked at the photos he'd taken on his special camera.



Then Anisha asked if she could go to the toilet. They walked through the gardens and back inside the palace. There were crowds of people everywhere.

“I’ll wait right here,” Dad said as Anisha opened the doors to the toilets.

When she came out again, Anisha couldn’t see Dad anywhere. She remembered what he’d said about asking one of The Queen’s staff for help if they got split up. She spotted a door with a royal symbol on it.

“Didn’t notice that before,” she said as she twisted the handle.



She crept into a huge room with red carpet and a high ceiling. Nobody was there and it was very quiet.

Suddenly, three small dogs scampered up to her, sniffing her legs.

“Strange, I didn’t think dogs were allowed in the palace,” Anisha said to herself.

“These ones are,” someone said from behind her.

Anisha spun around. An old lady with curly silver hair was standing there, smiling. She was dressed in smart blue clothes. Anisha spotted a brooch on the lady’s jacket. It was the royal symbol.

“Oh, you must be one of The Queen’s helpers,” Anisha said. “My dad says I should never speak to strangers but it’s OK if you work for The Queen.”

Before the lady could say anything, Anisha explained how she had become separated from her dad.

“Oh, dear,” the lady said, “that won’t do at all. Follow me.”

Anisha followed the lady through lots of different rooms. Every room was beautifully decorated with reds, golds and silvers. Strange how no-one else was here, she thought. After a short walk, they entered a grand hall where lots of people were wandering around. As soon as Anisha and the lady walked in, everyone stopped what they were doing and turned around. Some were pointing while others took photos. Anisha thought that it was probably because the lady wasn't allowed dogs.

“Ah, Perkins,” the lady said to someone in a funny uniform.

“Your Majesty,” the man replied with a short bow.

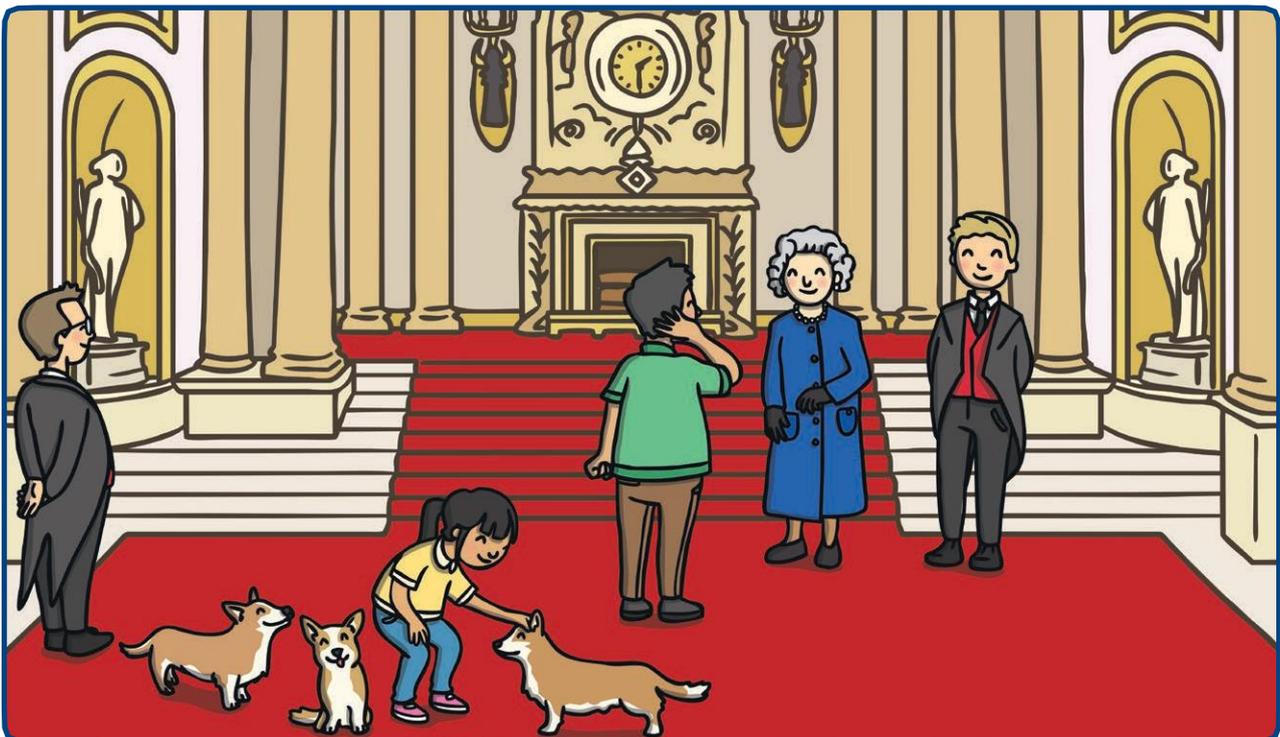
‘Majesty?’ thought Anisha.

“This young lady has been separated from her father. Will you see to it that he is found?” the lady said.

“Yes, Ma’am, I believe this is Anisha,” the man said. “Her father reported her missing just a few moments ago.”

Just then, Anisha’s father rushed forwards.

“Anisha!” he cried. He wrapped her in a warm hug. “Thank goodness you are okay. There are two exits in the toilets and you used the wrong one!”



“Oh, that’s why I couldn’t see you,” Anisha replied. “Don’t worry, this nice old lady looked after me.”

“Nice old l...?” Anisha’s dad looked up and his face went white. “Y... Y... Your Majesty!” he said, dropping to his knees. “I can’t thank you enough!”

“Stop being weird, Dad,” Anisha sighed.

After she had thanked the old lady for helping, Anisha gave each dog a stroke and said goodbye. It had been such an exciting day out. London was great and Buckingham Palace was the best palace ever.

“Shame we didn’t meet The Queen today,” Anisha sighed as they were driving home.

Dad gave Anisha a funny look in the rear-view mirror of the car.

“Why are you looking at me like that?” she said. “And why did you call that nice old lady ‘Your Majesty’?”

Anisha’s dad just laughed. In fact, he laughed nearly all the way home.



# Visit London!

Useful words

ceremonies

Houses of Parliament

Beefeater guards



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[www.buckinghampalace.co.uk](http://www.buckinghampalace.co.uk)



## Big Ben AND the Houses of PARLIAMENT

Big Ben is being fixed and won't be open until the year 2021 but you can still visit the place where Britain's leaders work every day! Guy Fawkes tried to blow it up but it's quite safe now! The Houses of Parliament are really old and have been around for almost 1000 years!

Adult: **£18.50**      Child: **Free**

[www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)



## Tower Bridge

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## Tower of London

The Tower of London has a lot of history and is guarded by the world-famous Beefeater guards. It has been a castle, a royal palace and a scary prison! It is where the crown jewels are kept safe.

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