**September 2017 First year listening text**

**A tour guide is telling a group of students about their daytrip.**

Good morning, everyone, and welcome to London! It’s good to see that we have some sunshine today after all the torrential rain we have had recently. Even though you **won’t** be outside in the fresh air today, a bit of sun and blue skies will give you more energy, don’t you think? /

Well, today we are going to visit the museums – at least one, but maybe two. You can decide. There is such a wide choice and they all offer such interesting things to see that one museum might even take us all day! / You are all here for a whole week, so what we don’t manage today, you can go off and see by yourselves tomorrow when you are free to do what you like. After all, you **are** adults and **should** be responsible enough to go around without a guide! //

The best thing about the museums here in London is that many are free, such as the British Museum, the Science Museum and the National Gallery, to name just a few. On the other hand, attractions like Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London and Madame Tussaud’s are not exactly cheap! /

Well, here are today’s options! The Natural History Museum and the Science Museum are within walking distance of each other, so it would make sense to visit these two on the same day and go to the National Gallery, for example, during the week. / The British Museum is well worth a visit, too, but it is in a totally different area from the ones I have already suggested. It is huge, with displays from all over the world, so a whole day could be spent there. I personally love the Egyptian section, but that is just **one** of the magnificent exhibitions for you to choose from. Also, since it is free, you can go back there another day to visit the parts you’ve missed or are particularly interested in. /

Another option is the Trafalgar Square area with its world-famous art galleries, also free of charge. Mmmm – from the comments I can hear you making, I think I understand that art is **not** your kind of thing!! Am I right? Let’s forget that, then! / O.K. Let’s put it to the vote! Option 1 - the Natural History Museum together with the Science Museum, or just the British Museum, which is option 2? Hands up for option one – 20 votes! Option two – 26 votes! There are 50 of you, so the majority wins! The British Museum it is! /

The coach will be outside the hotel in 10 minutes’ time, so please get your things together and we’ll meet up in the car park. The journey should take about 20 minutes – traffic permitting, of course!