

Big Ben



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1. Læs teksten igennem én gang.

Big Ben is a popular nickname for the clock tower at the north end of the Houses of Parliament in London. But in reality, Big Ben is only the name of the tower's biggest bell. The tower used to simply be called the Clock Tower, but now it is called Elizabeth Tower. It was renamed in 2012 in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee (the 60th anniversary) of Queen Elizabeth II.

The tower was completed in 1858. It is 96 metres high and the bell (the real Big Ben) weighs 13.5 tons. The four clock faces are 7 metres in diameter, the hour hand is 2.7 metres long and the minute hand is 4.3 metres long.

Big Ben is famous all around the world and millions of tourists visit the tower every day. Even though it is such a popular tourist attraction, the inside of the tower is not open to the public. People can only see the tower from the outside.

Big Ben is often seen in movies and tv-series about London, because it is such a well-known symbol of the city.

The clock is also known for being very precise, so when the bell rings at midnight on New Year's Eve, you know that it's less than one second ahead or behind.

2. Oversæt disse ord til dansk og dit modersmål:

Engelsk	Dansk	Dit modersmål
Nickname		
Clock		
Tower		
Renamed		
Celebration		
Famous		
Tourists		
People		
City		
Precise		

3. Læs nu teksten igen, og oversæt andre ord, du ikke forstår.

4. Besvar spørgsmål A-H:

A. Big Ben is actually the name of

- the clock tower
- the clock itself
- the biggest bell

B. What is the tower's official name?

- Elizabeth Tower
- Big Ben
- The Clock Tower

C. When was the tower renamed?

- In 1858
- In 1960
- In 2012

D. Who is the tower named after now?

- Sir Benjamin Hall
- Queen Elizabeth
- The big bell

E. How high is the tower?

- 7 metres
- 13.5 metres
- 96 metres

F. How long is the minute hand on each clock?

- 2.7 metres
- 4.3 metres
- 7 metres

G. Every year Big Ben is visited by

- hundreds of tourists
- thousands of tourists
- millions of tourists

H. When the bell rings at midnight on New Year's Eve, you know that

- the New Year has begun
- the clock is one second ahead
- the clock is one second behind

5. Og her til sidst: Læs teksten højt med en hold-kammerat.

6. Watch the video about Big Ben: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVLYtiunWJA>