A Day in London – Expert Tasks

Extra challenges for fast readers: Emma's Saturday

These are extra tasks for fast and strong students. You have finished the basic worksheet? Great! Now try these harder tasks. They are about Emma's Saturday in London, but you have to think, argue and write more. Use full sentences and take your time. There is often more than one good answer.

Reminder – Emma's Saturday in London (short version): Emma (12), her little brother Tom (8) and their parents from Manchester spend the weekend in London. They stay in a small hotel near Hyde Park. On Saturday Emma wakes up at 7 o'clock and is very excited. For breakfast she eats toast with jam. At 9 o'clock the family takes the Tube to Westminster. Emma loves the Tube because it is fast. They see Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, and Emma takes a lot of photos of the famous sights. For lunch they eat cheese sandwiches at Borough Market. Then they walk along the Thames to Tower Bridge (twenty minutes in a long queue). In the afternoon they ride a red double-decker bus, and Emma and Tom sit on the top deck. At 6 o'clock they go back to the hotel. In the evening Emma is tired, but very happy, and she goes to bed early.

1 Task 1 – Reading between the lines: The text says Emma is "very excited" in the morning and "tired, but very happy" in the evening. Find at least two details from the text that explain these feelings. Write 3–4 sentences in English.

2 Task 2 – Planning: The family wants to visit one more place on Saturday, but they only have one free hour between lunch and the bus ride. Choose ONE place in London (for example the British Museum, the London Eye or Buckingham Palace). Explain in 4–5 sentences why it is a good choice for a family with a 12-year-old and a little brother. Use at least two of these words: because, but, so, although.

3 Task 3 – Evaluate: Emma's family waits in a queue for twenty minutes at Tower Bridge. Is it a good idea to wait so long? Give your opinion and two arguments. Write 4–5 sentences. Start with: "In my opinion, …"

4 Task 4 – Language detective: Which sentence is correct? (Think about the simple present and the present continuous.)

- ☐ This weekend the family visits London and they staying in a small hotel.
- ☐ Emma wake up at 7 o'clock on Saturday.
- ☐ Emma and Tom sit on the top deck and look at the city.
- ☐ At 9 o'clock the family are taking the Tube every Saturday.

5 Task 5 – Grammar: Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form (simple past). Be careful: some verbs are irregular!
Yesterday Emma _____ (wake) up at 7 o'clock. She _____ (eat) toast with jam. Then the family _____ (take) the Tube and _____ (see) Big Ben. Emma _____ (go) to bed early because she _____ (be) tired.

6 Task 6 – Logic puzzle: Emma's family leaves the hotel at 9 o'clock and comes back at 6 o'clock. Decide whether each statement is true or false.

	richtig	falsch
The family is away from the hotel for nine hours.	☐	☐
If they wait twenty minutes at Tower Bridge, they have less time for other things.	☐	☐
The text tells us exactly how long the bus ride is.	☐	☐
The family goes to the market before they go to Tower Bridge.	☐	☐

7 Task 7 – Word power: Match each word from the text with a word that has the OPPOSITE meaning.

1. fast	_____	A) big
2. small	_____	B) bored
3. famous	_____	C) sad
4. excited	_____	D) slow
5. happy	_____	E) short
6. long	_____	F) unknown

8 Task 8 – Creative writing (expert): Imagine you are Tom (about 8 years old). Write Tom's diary entry about the same Saturday (80–100 words). Show what is different from Emma's view: what is more interesting, boring or scary for a little boy? Use the simple past and at least three time expressions (for example: in the morning, at lunchtime, after lunch, in the afternoon).

9 Task 9 – Research and compare (expert): Think about your own town or city. Compare it with London in 4–5 sentences. Use comparatives (for example: bigger, more crowded, quieter, cheaper, more interesting). Which city would you like to visit for a weekend, and why?

Lösungen

A Day in London – Expert Tasks · Englisch · Klasse 7

Für dich als Lehrkraft: leichtere Fassung in einer Minute

QR scannen oder lehreule.de/anpassen/a-day-in-london-klasse-7 öffnen: kostenloses Konto, dann schreibt Lehreule die leichtere Fassung mit Hilfen — oder Zusatzaufgaben für Schnelle, eine Word-Datei, einen QR-Code für die Klasse.

Aufgabe 1: Emma is very excited in the morning because the family is visiting London for the weekend and she wakes up early, at 7 o'clock. She loves the Underground because it is fast, and she takes a lot of photos of the famous sights. In the evening she is tired because she has a very busy day: they take the Tube, walk along the river, wait in a queue and ride a bus. But she is happy because she sees many famous places with her family.

Aufgabe 2: I think the family should visit the London Eye. It is a good choice because it is near the River Thames, so they do not need a long journey. Although there are many tourists, the ride is only about 30 minutes. Emma can take great photos of the whole city, and Tom can see the buses and boats from above. But the family must buy tickets early, because the queue can be very long.

Aufgabe 3: In my opinion, it is a good idea to wait, because Tower Bridge is a famous sight and the family is in London only for a weekend. Twenty minutes is not very long for such a special place. However, little Tom may get bored in a long queue, so the parents should take a snack or a game. Also, the family has only one Saturday for sightseeing, so they must be careful with their time. Overall, I think the wait is worth it.

Aufgabe 4: Emma and Tom sit on the top deck and look at the city.

Aufgabe 5: woke, ate, took, saw, went, was

Aufgabe 6: The family is away from the hotel for nine hours. → **richtig**
If they wait twenty minutes at Tower Bridge, they have less time for other things. → **richtig**
The text tells us exactly how long the bus ride is. → **falsch**
The family goes to the market before they go to Tower Bridge. → **richtig**

Aufgabe 7: 1 → D, 2 → A, 3 → F, 4 → B, 5 → C, 6 → E

Aufgabe 8: Dear diary, today was a great day in London! In the morning I ate toast with jam, but I was sleepy because Emma woke me up. At 9 o'clock we took the Tube. Then we saw Big Ben. It was huge, but Emma took too many photos and I was bored. At lunchtime I ate a cheese sandwich at the market. After lunch we waited in a long queue at Tower Bridge. In the afternoon we sat on the top deck of a red bus. That was the best part of the day. I was tired in the evening.

Aufgabe 9: London is much bigger than my town and it has more tourists. My town is quieter and cheaper than London. In London you can see more famous sights, but in my town the buses are less crowded. The Tube is faster than our buses, so travelling in London is easier. I would like to visit London for a weekend because it is more exciting and I want to see Big Ben and Tower Bridge.