Read the text to know more about London.

## TOWER RAVENS

Here are some new words:

a tower ['tavə] — башня (the Tower — Тауэр, крепость-музей в Лондоне)
ravens ['reɪvnz] — во́роны
different ['dɪfərənt] — различный
leg-rings — кольца на ногах
orange ['ɒrɪnʤ] — оранжевый (цвет)
to feed [fi:d] — кормить
centuries ['sentʃərɪz] — столетия
to guard [gɑ:d] — охранять
will stand — будет стоять

Can you guess the meaning?

to visit ['vɪzɪt] a photo ['fəʊtəʊ] a museum [mju:'zɪəm] a legend ['leʤənd]

Many boys and girls **visit** Great Britain. They usually start with London.

In London they walk along London streets, see old houses, offices, schools. When they



live in London they go to London's zoo and watch different animals there.

But one place all children and their parents go to is the **Tower** of London. It is **a muse-um** now. They want to see Tower **ravens**. Nine big dark black ravens live there. They have **leg-rings** of different colours: yellow, white, grey, blue, green, red, **orange**, dark blue and dark green.

All day they are out. People like to speak to them, to make **photos** of them and give them something to eat. But the ravens don't like it. They have their "Father" — Raven-master who **feeds** them. And they know him very well.

For many **centuries** ravens **guard** the Tower of London. The **legend** says "Only so long as they stay, **will** the White Tower **stand**".1

## 1 Answer the questions.

- 1) Where do children and their parents usually go when they are in London?
- 2) What do boys and girls like to watch in the Tower?
- 3) What do you know about the ravens?
- 4) Why do the ravens live in the Tower of London?

Only so long as they stay, will the White Tower stand. — До тех пор пока они остаются, будет стоять Белая башня Тауэра.

<sup>2</sup> What else do you know about London?