

The Tower of London

Billy works at the Tower of London. He has a very special job. Billy is a Beefeater. A Beefeater is a special guard. Beefeaters wear a smart red uniform. Billy loves being a Beefeater.

R: What is Billy's job?

R: Where does Billy work?

Billy gives tours of the Tower of London. The Tower of London is very famous. It was built a long time ago as a palace. The Tower has had many jobs. In the 1200's it was a royal zoo. The first zoo in London! The only animals there now are ravens. Ravens are big black birds. At least 6 ravens are kept at the tower. Billy looks after them.

I: Who would live in a palace?

The tower has also been a prison. There are no cells or dungeons. Prisoners were kept in the tower. The tower is safe and secure. Prisoners sent here were usually important. Important prisoners were looked after well. Other prisoners weren't so lucky. Some prisoners at the tower were tortured. Some very unlucky prisoners were executed!



Today, the tower looks after the crown jewels. It has done this job for many years. There are **25,500** jewels at the Tower of London. Billy the Beefeater has to keep them safe.

S: Name 3 things that the Tower of London has been used for.

S: Name 3 of Billy's jobs as a Beefeater.

Answers

1. Beefeater.

2. The Tower of London.

3. Accept any member of a royal family or head of state.

4. Any 3 of the following:

Palace, royal zoo, prison, keeps the crown jewels.

5. Guard, tour guide, looking after the ravens.