

Read the text about London markets and do the exercises that follow.

London markets

Without its lively and colourful markets, London would lose a lot of its charm. Make sure you find time during your stay in England's capital to have a walk around one of these fabulous places.

A. BOROUGH MARKET

Located in South East London, it is one of the largest food markets in the world. It sells a wide variety of fresh and organic products, as well as home-made confectionery, mushrooms, chutneys, jams, breads and cheeses. It is a definite must on a Saturday morning for every lover of delicious food.

B. PORTOBELLO ROAD MARKET

This is one of the most colourful and dynamic markets in London. It sells everything from books to second-hand fashion and cooking ingredients. It is especially known as a great place to browse for antiques and jewellery. The clothes stalls specialise in leather.

C. CAMDEN MARKET

This is actually several different markets. The place is considered a huge tourist attraction, so it tends to be very crowded at weekends. The wide range of goods includes antiques, clothes, handicraft, accessories and furnishings – in fact it has all those things you realise you need when you see them even though you had no intention of buying them when you left home. There is a variety of world cuisine on offer in the many bars and eateries in and around the markets.

D. GREENWICH MARKET

Greenwich is known for its fantastic market offering a variety of hand-crafted items, paintings and ornaments. On weekends, you can get a good deal on antique furniture, second-hand books and rare records. Then, like many other people – both locals and tourists – you can finish off your market tour with a stroll along the nearby river.

E. LEADENHALL MARKET

Located in a beautiful Victorian glass-roof building that has already become a tourist attraction, the market offers a wide selection of reasonably priced luxury goods. It

features the most exotic ingredients and fine wines that may be difficult to get elsewhere. It is especially good for rarer cheeses, seafood, and meats. You can relax and have a delicious lunch in one of the many nearby market bars.

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Exercise 1. Match the markets (A – E) with the correct statements (1 – 8). Each letter can be used more than once.

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| 1. It is located near a popular walking area. | _____ |
| 2. You can taste food from many different countries. | _____ |
| 3. On certain days you can pay less than usual. | _____ |
| 4. It sells food which may not be easy to find in other places. | _____ |
| 5. You can buy clothes that have already been worn. | _____ |
| 6. It is a good place to buy healthy food. | _____ |
| 7. It consists of more than one market. | _____ |
| 8. It is good for buying clothes of one particular type. | _____ |

Exercise 2. Read the text again. Are statements 1 – 6 True or False?

- _____ 1. Borough Market offer great choices of groceries.
- _____ 2. Portobello Road Market mainly sells cotton and silk clothes.
- _____ 3. You should go to Borough Market if you need something special to decorate your house.
- _____ 4. Both Greenwich Market and Leadenhall Market have goods that are difficult to find in other places.
- _____ 5. Camden Market does not sell any foods.

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1.

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| 1. D | 2. C | 3. D | 4. E |
| 5. B | 6. A | 7. C | 8. D |

Exercise 2.

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| 1. True | 2. False | 3. False |
| 4. True | 5. False | |