

ROYAL GUARDS

1 Guess and circle the correct answer.

- 1 The Royal Guards guard Buckingham Palace / the Tower of London.
- 2 The Royal Guards wear black / red trousers and a black / red jacket.
- 3 A "busby" is a red bus / fur hat.

2 Now read and check your answers.



The Royal Guards at Buckingham Palace in London can stand for hours and hours and not move. **How can they stand for such a long time and not move?**

The truth is that the guards don't really stand for such a long time. They stand for a while, and then they "come to life". They step out of the guard box and march in front of the palace. Then they stamp their feet, turn around and march back to the guard box. In addition, almost every day the guards march in a colourful ceremony in front of Buckingham Palace. The ceremony is called "The Changing of the Guard".

The Royal Guards have got a special uniform. They wear black trousers and a red jacket. There is a red stripe on their trousers. They also wear a tall, black fur hat called a "busby". It is made from bearskin. They wear the hat all the time, winter and summer.

Aren't the guards hot, wearing black fur hats on their heads?

The truth is that sometimes, on hot summer days, the guards are very hot! But luckily, the weather in London is usually cool, cloudy and rainy, so the Royal Guards don't mind the fur hats on their heads!

3 Answer the questions.

- 1 Describe the Royal Guards' uniform.
- 2 What is a "busby" and when do the guards wear it?
- 3 Do the Royal Guards stand all day?
- 4 What is "The Changing of the Guard"?



Answers

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- 1**
- 1 Buckingham Palace
 - 2 black; red
 - 3 fur hat
- 3**
- 1 Black trousers, a red jacket and a bearskin hat.
 - 2 A busby is a bearskin hat. The guards wear them all the time, in summer and in winter.
 - 3 No. The guards can walk around and once a day they march in front of the palace.
 - 4 It is a colourful ceremony in which the guards march in front of the palace.