

## St. Paul's Cathedral

### Read the text.

1. Find Impersonal sentences, write their numbers.
2. Find sentences with construction there is/are, write their numbers.
3. Which sentence contains "there" as adverb. Write its number.

1. St. Paul's Cathedral is situated in the City of London.
2. It is known that the cathedral was designed by Sir Christopher Wren in 1632 – 1723.
3. They say he was not only an architect but also one of the best geometers of his day, a mathematician and astronomer.
4. It took Wren 35 years to build the Cathedral which is the greatest of English Churches.
5. It is considered to be a fine specimen of Renaissance architecture.
6. The Cathedral is 515 ft long and 180 ft wide.
7. Its famous dome is the largest church dome in the world after St. Peter's in Rome.
8. The Cathedral is Gothic in plan but the details are classic Renaissance.
9. One can see that in one of the twin baroque towers there is one of the largest bells in the world, Great Paul, weighting 17, 5 tons.
10. Inside there is a wonderful mixture of architectural work, paintings, mosaics and statues which are monuments to generals and admirals who are buried there and among them admiral Nelson and the Duke of Wellington (under his command the army of the allies defeated Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815).
11. When Christopher Wren was 90 he was carried here once a year so that he could see his beautiful work.
12. He himself is buried in the Cathedral.
13. There is no monument to Christopher Wren but on his tomb in the centre of the Cathedral there is an inscription which reads: "If you seek a monument, look around".
14. The inscription is in Latin.
15. It's difficult to imagine but St. Paul's Cathedral was partly destroyed in 1941 by a direct hit from bombs.
16. After the war it was restored.

### Exercises.

#### 1. Complete sentences:

a) The text is about ...

- The interior of St. Paul's Cathedral.
- Sir Christopher Wren.
- Renaissance architecture.
- Christopher Wren's masterpiece.

b) In one of the towers of St. Paul's Cathedral one can see ...

- one of the largest bells in the world.
- the monument to Christopher Wren.
- the tombs of Nelson and Wellington.
- the largest church dome in the world.

c) The inscription: "IF you seek a monument, look around" explains that ...

- Christopher Wren needed no monument but his beautiful work - St. Paul's Cathedral.
- Christopher Wren is buried there (there is a grave of his in St. Paul's Cathedral).
- There are many remarkable things in the Cathedral to look at.
- In the Cathedral there are many monuments to famous people.

## **2. Choose sentences that fit the content of the text.**

- a) St. Paul's Cathedral was designed by Sir Christopher Wren who was not only an architect but also one of the best writers of his day.
- b) The dome of St. Paul's Cathedral is the largest church dome in the world after St. Peter's.
- c) The Cathedral is Gothic in plan but the details are baroque and classic Renaissance.
- d) Christopher Wren is buried in St. Paul's Cathedral, where there is a beautiful monument to him with an inscription in Latin.

## **3. Write the sequence of sentences in the text.**

- 1) Christopher Wren was carried here once a year.
- 2) St. Paul's Cathedral was restored after World War II.
- 3) It took Wren 35 years to build the Cathedral.
- 4) Great Paul weight about 17, 5 tons.

## **4. Which word is unnecessary in each line?**

- 1) church, cathedral, monastery, residence
- 2) Renaissance, Architecture, Gothic, Classic
- 3) Paintings, mosaics, statues, towers.