



## Covent Garden (B1 -Lower Intermediate)

### A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Do you like going to shopping centres? Why (not)?
2. What are the advantages/disadvantages of shopping centres?
3. Which is the best shopping centre in your town/city/area?
4. Can you do anything else there besides shopping?

### B – Listen and answer

Listen to the two parts of the article (without reading) and choose the correct answer.

#### Part One

1. Fifty years ago, the fruit and vegetable market of Covent Garden was
  - a) extended.    b) moved.    c) reduced.
2. Covent Garden had started as the market garden of a convent in
  - a) the early thirteenth century.   b) the early twelfth century.   c) the year 1300.
3. The 4th Earl of Bedford built ... on the land in the 17th century.
  - a) houses.    b) a church.    c) houses and a church.
4. Between 1700 and 1800, the area became
  - a) less elegant.    b) more expensive.    c) less crowded.
5. It was renovated and transformed into a shopping centre
  - a) in the 1950s.    b) in 1971.    c) between 1975 and 1980.

#### Part Two

6. The places to eat at Covent Garden are
  - a) mostly famous restaurants.   b) of all types.    c) mostly inexpensive sandwich shops.
7. At Covent Garden there are specialty shops selling clothes and footwear.
  - a) True.    b) False.    c) The article doesn't say.
8. If you're interested in buying prints, you should look around Grosvenor Prints and
  - a) Stanfords.    b) the Apple Market    c) Dr. Martens.

### C – Read and answer

Read the two parts of the article and answer the questions.

1. Where did the Covent Garden fruit and vegetable market move to in 1974?
2. How did the Earl of Bedford become the owner of the land?
3. What does the article tell you about the church at Covent Garden?
4. Why did the value of the houses in Covent Garden fall in the 18th century?
5. How was the market improved in the 19th century?
6. Why was it necessary to move the market in the 20th century?
7. What did British Punch and Judy shows develop from?
8. What can you buy in Stanfords besides travel books?
9. What can you get at Paul Smith besides clothes?
10. When should you go to the Apple Market if you're interested in antiques?

## D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense, or change from singular to plural.)

1. On Sundays there's a market in this street with several interesting \_\_\_\_\_ selling paintings.
2. One of the best \_\_\_\_\_ of the new phone is the quality of the screen.
3. These city walls \_\_\_\_\_ to Roman times.
4. Alice's hobby is painting. She's does oil paintings and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a private house where you pay rent for a room and cooked meals.
6. Champagne is a white \_\_\_\_\_ wine that comes from the Champagne wine region of France.
7. After the disaster, the government set up a public \_\_\_\_\_ to investigate the causes.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ the letter ten days ago, so it should have arrived by now.

## E – Ready for the B1 PRELIMINARY English Exam? (Paper 1, Reading: Part 5)

Choose the correct word in brackets for each space.

While <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (travelled/travelling/to travel/on travel) in France and Italy to study classical architecture, Inigo Jones was impressed <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (by/of/from/for) the works of Italian architect Andrea Palladio. Jones <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (founded/based/drew/created) his design for Covent Garden on a piazza he had seen in Livorno, Italy, and on Place des Vosges, a beautiful square in Paris. The houses in Covent Garden were revolutionary in style for London. They had elegant, uniform facades with arcades under <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (where/them/these/which) people could walk in all weathers. The square became somewhere where people could watch open-air shows or <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (make/do/go for/get) a pleasant walk. Twenty years later, <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (therefore/then/however/finally), market stalls arrived in the square and, as a result, its wealthy residents began to abandon the area.

## F – Write about it

Write about one of your country's historic street markets. Mention:

- when it first opened;
  - what's sold there;
  - where it's located;
  - when it's open.
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## Answers: Covent Garden (B1)

### B – Listen and answer

1. b 2. a 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. a 8. b

### C – Read and answer

1. It moved to Vauxhall, south of the River Thames. 2. Henry VIII took possession of the land and granted it to him. 3. It was built by architect Inigo Jones on an Etruscan model and was consecrated in 1683. It's called the Actors' Church because it's in the heart of London's theatre district. 4. Because more and more fruit and vegetable sellers arrived in the area and the atmosphere changed, so wealthy residents started to leave. 5. New buildings, like the Central Market, Floral Hall and Charter Market were constructed to bring order to the market. 6. Because it had become too large for its historic home. 7. They developed from the Italian commedia dell'arte. 8. You can buy globes. 9. You can get sparkling wine, craft beer and Fortnum and Mason teas. 10. You should go there on Mondays because there are stalls selling collectables and antiques.

### D – Learn it! Use it!

1. stalls 2. features 3. date back 4. watercolours 5. boarding house 6. sparkling  
7. inquiry 8. posted

### E – Ready for the B1 PRELIMINARY English Exam?

1. travelling 2. by 3. based 4. which 5. go for 6. however