**Приложение II.**

**Task 1. Holidays.**

Choose one of the holidays according to the description:

**New Year, Easter, April Fool’s Day, Christmas, Halloween, St. Valentine’s Day**

1. This holiday is celebrated in spring. It”s a very funny day. You can hear jokes everywhere. People play jokes ………….
2. It is a religious holiday and one of the happiest holidays of the year. They decorate a tree with toys and lights. Santa Claus visits children and brings presents ……………
3. It’s a merry holiday. People celebrate it at the end of the year. They are waiting this holiday with new hopes and dreams. But it is not so popular in Great Britain …………..
4. This day is celebrated on February, 14th. It is a day of love and friendship. They send greeting cards and sweethearts ……………..
5. People celebrate this holiday on the 31st 0f October. The children wear masks and colorful costumes. The most popular costumes are ghosts, witches and skeletons ……………….
6. This holiday is celebrated on Sunday in April or May. Before this holiday the people color eggs ……………

**Task 2. Famous People.**

Who were they?

**The Queen, Margaret Thatcher, Robert Burns, Henry VIII, William Shakespeare**

1. He was one of the most well-known poets and playwrights of the world, born in the 16th century.
2. She was the only woman Prime Minister in the UK called “The Iron Lady”.
3. This monarch was married 6 times, his second daughter Elizabeth I became the queen known as the “Virgin Queen”.
4. He is a national Scottish poet. At midnight of December, 31st, throughout Great Britain people sing his “Auld Lang Syne”.
5. Her residence is in Buckingham Palace. British people love her very much.

**Task 3. Sightseeing.**

**Big Ben, Tower Bridge, St.Paul’s Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square.**

1. It is a fine Gothic building in the center of London just opposite the Houses of Parliament. It **is the most important and famous of all historic buildings in Britain since the time of William the Conqueror (1066) it has been the crowning place of the kings and queens of England ………………….**
2. **It is the most famous of London squares, it is situated in the center of London not far from Westminster and Buckingham Palace. It was named after Admiral Nelson. It is the place for political demonstrations and popular meeting place for both tourists and Londoners …………………**
3. **It is the most famous but not the oldest bridge in London. It was built in 1894 not far from the Tower of London. This bridge quickly became the symbol of London ……………….**
4. **It is on the north side of Trafalgar Square. The collection of the gallery contains pictures of all the European schools of painting between the 13th and early 20th century. Now there are more than 2000 paintings in the collection. There are no pictures by living artists ………………..**
5. **It is the city’s greatest monument and it is the masterpiece of the famous architect Sir Christopher Wren. It was built in 1675-1710 and the building went on for 35 years ………………**
6. **It is the name of the huge clock-bell on the top of Big Ben. It is the biggest one in Britain. It got its name after Sir Benjiamin Hall, who looked after the building of the clock …………….**

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