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TEXT MARKING



Where is the Eiffel Tower located?



How tall is the Eiffel Tower?



How many light bulbs are on the tower?



What does the tower symbolize?

WORDS TO KNOW

Wrought (in message)
Centennial - the 100th anniversary

Wrought - A tough iron easily formed into shapes

What does "La dame de fer" mean?

- A. Friendship
- B. Steel tower
- C. Iron Lady
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PREVIEW



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The clock tower has five bells. The largest one (Big Ben) weighs 13 tons and chimes every hour. Two months after Big Ben chimed for the first time, it cracked. It took four years to fix Big Ben and a crack can still be seen today. The sound of Big Ben can be heard from nine miles away.

TEXT MARKING



What country is Big Ben located in?



What is the House of Parliament?



How many bells are in the clock tower?



How much does Big Ben weigh?

WORDS TO KNOW

London (in message)

Cracked - broken from metal

Politicians - government workers

When was the first chime of Big Ben heard?

- A. 1857
- B. 1858
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