

Online Book Club

The Mystery at Big Ben

Talk About It!

1. Have you ever visited a foreign country? Which one did you visit, and what was it like?
2. Were you surprised to learn that people drive on the other side of the road in England? What kind of problems would that cause for Americans driving in England?
3. Why do teenagers like Mr. Byron's nephew Gilbert sometimes dye their hair crazy colors and wear clothing that's very different from the clothes their parents wear?
4. Grant's curiosity led the children to the first clue in their mystery. What did Grant find on the bricks at Big Ben? How do you think that clue got there?
5. Would you enjoy shopping at a huge department store like Harrod's? Why or why not? Why do people like to shop when they visit new places?
6. Why did Christina yell "FIRE!" in Harrod's? Why is yelling "FIRE" in a crowded place a serious thing, especially when there is no fire?
7. Of all the tourist attractions that Christina and Grant visited in London, what was your favorite? Why?
8. Did you think Grant was right when he suspected that someone was going to set off a bomb in Big Ben?
9. Christina was nervous meeting the Queen of England. How would you have felt in her place?
10. Would you like to have grandparents like Mimi and Papa who took you around the world to solve mysteries? Do you think Mimi, Papa, Christina, and Grant are real or fictional characters, or both?

