Oxford Street is a very famous shopping street in central London. It’s almost two kilometres long and there are 548 shops! It’s got clothes shops, sports shops, shoe shops, souvenir shops and telecommunications shops. One of the very popular shops in Oxford Street is Selfridges. It’s a very big department store. It’s famous for its creative window displays.

Hamleys is an enormous toy shop on Regent Street. It is over 250 years old and it’s one of London’s top tourist attractions. Over five million people visit it every year and children love it!
There are seven floors in Hamleys with different types of toys on every floor. One floor has got toys only for boys and another floor has got toys just for girls.

There are often fun events in the shop. These include puppet shows, magic shows and animal shows. You can also have your birthday party or a sleepover there!

Harrods

Harrods is a very famous department store in Knightsbridge in the centre of London. It’s a top shopping attraction – over 15 million people visit the store every year! Lots of people visit Harrods, but you need lots of money to shop there! Harrods is very expensive and very exclusive.

Harrods is enormous. There are seven floors and sixty window displays! It has over 330 departments for clothes, electronics, jewellery, sport, furniture, toys, and pets!

Harrods has got a dress code for its visitors. For example, you can’t wear shorts or a tracksuit in the shop. People say you can buy everything at Harrods from a pin to an elephant. The Harrods motto is *Omnia Omnibus Ubique* – All Things for All People, Everywhere.
Borough Market

Borough Market is 250 years old and it’s the city’s top food market. The Market is in south-east London, near the River Thames, and it’s popular with local people and tourists. You can buy food from the UK and from all over the world – from Morocco to Mexico. It is open to the public from Thursday to Saturday.

Covent Garden

Covent Garden is a great place for shoppers in central London. There are art shops, clothes and shoe shops, market stalls, restaurants and there’s often free street theatre in the square. Covent Garden is popular for its unusual independent shops. The Tea House is famous for its 70 varieties of tea and Forbidden Planet is a cool shop for comics.
Portobello Road market is a very popular and busy market in Notting Hill in West London. It sells antiques, bric-a-brac and new and second-hand clothes. You can also buy original designer clothes. Many young British fashion designers often start their careers with a stall in Portobello Road.