Big Ben is a symbol of London. It’s a clock tower and its clock and bell are famous. Its clock is over 150 years old and it’s very big. The minute hand is 4.2 metres and the hour hand is 2.7 metres.

Big Ben is the nickname of the big bell in the clock tower. The bell chimes on the hour, at a quarter past, half past and a quarter to. Listen to Big Ben at 3 o’clock.

Big Ben is part of Westminster Palace on the River Thames. The British Parliament (the government of the UK) is at Westminster Palace.
On New Year’s Eve, the chimes of Big Ben are on TV at midnight. The clock tower is also in a lot of films. This photo is from the Disney film *Peter Pan*.

**Big Ben is a famous tourist attraction** and Big Ben souvenirs are very popular. Here's a cool Big Ben souvenir!