

# Fact Sheet

## Lesson 1 London's Buildings



### St Paul's Cathedral

- Designed by Sir Christopher Wren and completed in 1675.
- Designed in English Baroque style, meaning imperfect pearl, a complicated design.
- The dome weighs 65,000 tonnes, the same as 10,000 elephants.



### One Canada Square, Canary Wharf

- When completed in 1991, One Canada Square was the tallest office building in Europe with a height of 800 feet (244 metres) and 50 storeys.
- Lifts travel from ground level to the top in 40 seconds.
- Total of 3,960 windows
- Built so it can sway 35cm from side to side in strongest winds.



### Barbican

- Made up of 2000 flats, towers, schools, galleries, cinemas, library, restaurants and cafes.
- Completed in 1982, it took 30 years of planning
- Brutalist style, meaning raw concrete.
- The architects wanted it to be difficult to find your way around.

