

Lesson 8: New Year's Day in London

A 🔐 Listen and read Yassir's story and answer the questions.





The biggest wheel in Europe.

I'll never forget January the first. I was in London with my parents and older sister, Hala. We wanted to go on the London Eye. That's a big wheel that takes you up in the air above London. It is 135 metres high and is next to the River Thames. People say that the view from the top is fantastic. You can see all over London – and London is over 80 kilometres wide.

We went out after breakfast. It was cloudy and cold. There were

not many people in the street because the evening before was New Year's Eve, the last day of the old year. On New Year's Eve, people there have a party. They visit friends or walk round the streets. At midnight, they hold hands and sing a special song. They go to bed late.

At the London Eye, we got into one of the cabins. As the door closed, it started to snow.

'Look, Hala! It's snowing!' I shouted.

We started to go up and up. As we went higher and higher, the snow got thicker and thicker. When we reached the top, we could see nothing but snow. We could not see the ground. We could not see the famous view. Only snow. We were in a white cloud.

'Are you frightened, Hala?'
I asked.

'No,' she said. 'Are you?'
I said nothing. Mum and Dad
said nothing. The wheel turned
slowly and took us back to the
ground. It was still snowing. It
snowed all day. No, I'll never forget
New Year's Day in London!

- What did Yassir see from the top of the big wheel?
- 2 Was he happy that he went on the London Eye?