

WARM UP

1 Match these numbers with the Borough Market facts.

- 1 1014
- 2 13th
- 3 1755
- 4 100

- a the century in which traders relocated to Borough High Street
- b the number of different stalls in Borough Market
- c the year there was first a market in Borough
- d the year the market was closed by parliament

BOROUGH MARKET LONDON

Borough has long been synonymous with food markets as far back as 1014, and probably much earlier, London Bridge attracted traders selling grain, fish, vegetables and livestock. In the 13th century traders were relocated to what is now Borough High Street and a market has existed there ever since. In 1755, the market was closed by Parliament, but a group of Southwark residents raised £6,000 to buy a patch of land known locally as 'The Triangle', once the churchyard of St Margaret's, and reopened the market. The Triangle is still at the heart of the market today, which feeds this core community and has now grown to over 100 individual stalls.

Alongside the original fruit, vegetables, bakers and butchers, we now sell a huge variety of British and international produce. All of our traders share a love of food and many of them make, grow or rear the produce they sell so now, just as in 1755, our customers know exactly where their shopping has come from. The



market ensures high standards of produce by employing a food quality panel of impartial experts who ensure that the taste, provenance and quality of foods sold are all regularly measured and maintained and small traders are helped to meet these standards. Apart from the guarantees of freshness, variety, competitiveness and quality, Borough Market is most recognised for its vibrant and friendly atmosphere and it will always be at the heart of the local community. Its unique standing within the area has recently been marked by an English Heritage Blue Plaque, voted for by the people of Southwark, marking its place as London's oldest fruit and vegetable market.



READING COMPREHENSION

2 **FCE** Read the text about Borough Market and choose the correct answer for each question.

- 1 The original Borough Market sold...
 - A alcohol.
 - B cereals.
 - C spices.
 - D none of these.
- 2 Borough High Street...
 - A has always had a market.
 - B has never had a market.
 - C has had a market since the 13th century.
 - D had a market until the 13th century.
- 3 In order to reopen the market in 1755, Southwark residents paid £6000...
 - A for new land.
 - B in taxes to parliament.
 - C to rebuild it.
 - D to the Church.
- 4 Nowadays, more than 100 stalls sell...
 - A domestic produce.
 - B local produce.
 - C foreign produce.
 - D home grown and foreign produce.
- 5 The market traders all...
 - A grow their produce.
 - B love their produce.
 - C make their produce.
 - D rear their produce.
- 6 A panel of impartial experts check the produce for...
 - A provenance.
 - B quality.
 - C taste.
 - D all of these things.
- 7 Borough Market is best known for its...
 - A competitive prices and choice.
 - B freshness and quality.
 - C friendliness and vibrancy.
 - D sense of community.
- 8 The Blue Plaque was awarded...
 - A because of the age of the market.
 - B for service to the food and drink industry.
 - C to thank the local community.
 - D to English heritage.

LISTENING

3 **25** **FCE** Listen to this question and answer interview about Borough Market and complete the sentences.

Borough Market is in (1) _____ London. You can get there by (2) _____, car or (3) _____. The market is open on (4) _____ 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays 12 p.m.-6 p. m., Saturdays (5) _____ and on (6) _____ to (7) _____, a smaller market is open 10 a.m-3 p.m. Borough Market stalls include: (8) _____ and patisseries; traditional (9) _____ and dairy producers; butchers and delicatessens; (10) _____ and greengrocers. Wholesale fruit and vegetable traders in Borough Market supply (11) _____, (12) _____ and delicatessens with high quality produce. You can buy specialist food importers from countries such as (13) _____, Morocco, (14) _____ or Poland. The market also specialises in the world's finest (15) _____, beers, (16) _____ and teas. There are plenty of cafés and restaurants around the market where you can sit down, (17) _____ and (18) _____ a drink or a plate of food. Borough Market hosts special events such as (19) _____ exhibitions and (20) _____ demonstrations.

WRITING

4 Write a short online article about a successful food market you have visited.

You should include information about:

- location;
- origins/history;
- produce;
- opening hours;
- any other useful/relevant information.