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Level 4 – 13th July 2026

Bayeux Tapestry back in UK after 900 years

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Bayeux Tapestry is in Britain for the first time in 900 years. The 68-metre-long tapestry is an important historical document. It has 58 events showing the invasion of England in 1066 by France. One picture is of the death of England's King Harold II. He was hit in the eye by an arrow during a battle. The tapestry was made in England as a gift for the French. For 900 years, it has been in Bayeux, France. It will be put on display in the British Museum.

The tapestry was carefully moved under heavy police protection. It made its journey at night to London. It was transported in a climate-controlled box. The director of the British Museum called the operation a "monumental effort". A spokesperson said: "Every British child knows the date 1066 — the Battle of Hastings." This battle changed British history. The UK's culture secretary called it "a pivotal period in our national story".

Sources: <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20260708-bayeux-tapestry-to-arrive-in-london-in-secret-high-stakes-operation>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. for the first time in | a. King Harold II |
| 2. an important | b. on display |
| 3. 58 events showing the invasion | c. battle |
| 4. the death of England's | d. historical document |
| 5. He was hit in the eye | e. for William |
| 6. during a | f. of England |
| 7. a gift | g. by an arrow |
| 8. It will be put | h. 900 years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The tapestry was carefully | a. effort |
| 2. under heavy | b. at night |
| 3. It made its journey | c. British history |
| 4. It was transported in a climate- | d. police protection |
| 5. a monumental | e. story |
| 6. Every British child knows | f. moved |
| 7. This battle changed | g. the date 1066 |
| 8. a pivotal period in our national | h. controlled box |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Bayeux Tapestry is in Britain for the (1) _____
900 years. The 68-metre-long tapestry is (2) _____
document. It has 58 events showing (3) _____
England in 1066 by France. One picture is of the death of England's King
Harold II. He was hit in the eye (4) _____ during a
battle. The tapestry was made in England (5) _____
for the French. For 900 years, it has been in Bayeux, France. It will be put
(6) _____ the British Museum.

The tapestry was carefully moved (7) _____
protection. It made its (8) _____ to London. It was
transported in a (9) _____. The director of the
British Museum called the operation (10) _____. A
spokesperson said: "Every British child (11) _____
1066 — the Battle of Hastings." This battle changed British history. The UK's
culture secretary called it "a (12) _____ our
national story".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Bayeux Tapestry in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **the Bayeux Tapestry** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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