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Level 5 – 13th July 2026

Bayeux Tapestry back in UK after 900 years

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Bayeux Tapestry is back in Britain for the first time in 900 years. The 68-metre-long tapestry is an embroidered artwork and historical document. It shows 58 events surrounding the military invasion of England in 1066 by France's Duke William. One picture is of the death of England's King Harold II. He was hit in the eye by an arrow at the Battle of Hastings. The tapestry was made in England as a gift for William. For 900 years, it has been in Bayeux, France. It is now at the British Museum in London, where it will be put on display between September 2026 and July 2027.

The tapestry was carefully moved by an art transportation specialist. There was heavy police protection as it made its journey at night to the British capital. It was carried in a climate-controlled box. The director of the British Museum called the operation a "monumental effort". Millions of people will see it. A museum 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 and our shared heritage and friendship with France".

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. of England |
| 2. an embroidered | b. been in Bayeux |
| 3. the military invasion | c. on display |
| 4. One picture is of | d. gift for William |
| 5. He was hit in the | e. the death |
| 6. made in England as a | f. 900 years |
| 7. it has | g. artwork |
| 8. it will be put | h. eye by an arrow |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Bayeux Tapestry is back in Britain for the first time in 900 years. The 68-metre-long tapestry (1) _____ artwork and historical document. It shows 58 events surrounding the (2) _____ England in 1066 by France's Duke William. One picture is of (3) _____ England's King Harold II. He was hit in the eye (4) _____ at the Battle of Hastings. The tapestry was made in England as (5) _____ William. For 900 years, it has been in Bayeux, France. It is now at the British Museum in London, where it will be (6) _____ between September 2026 and July 2027.

The tapestry was carefully (7) _____ art transportation specialist. There was (8) _____ as it made its journey at night to the British capital. It was carried in a (9) _____. The director of the British Museum called the operation (10) _____. Millions of people will see it. A museum 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 "(11) _____ in our national story and our (12) _____ friendship with France".

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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