

Newcastle

Activity 1

Find the words or phrases which mean the same as:

1. surprisingly _____
2. it's not easy to say _____
3. they like football very much _____
4. alcoholic beverage _____
5. very full _____
6. unique _____

Activity 2

Answer these questions:

1. What is the Tyne?

2. Where is Hadrian's Wall?

3. How would a Geordie pronounce 'The bad apple'?

4. Who or what is the Toon Army?

5. Why is Newcastle a good city for a night out?

6. Who is Mark Knopfler

7. When was the first road\rail bridge built?

Activity 3

Listen and complete the gaps

Newcastle's full name is Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, the Tyne being the major river which runs through the city. The city was founded by the Romans, funnily enough. _____ Hadrian obviously thought it was as good a place as any to build a _____ to protect his famous wall which runs along the north of England.

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Don't be surprised if you see lots of people walking around the city wearing black and white striped _____ shirts. The Geordies are football mad and their team, Newcastle United, has some of the best _____ in England. The fans are known as the Toon Army and will happily talk to you about the teams fortunes over a bottle of the local beer, Newcastle Brown Ale, _____ known as Newky Brown. This brew might be one of the contributing factors to Newcastle's continued _____ as one of Britain's best places to go for a night out. The city is literally _____ with bars, restaurants and clubs to cater for all tastes. Go to the Quayside district, Bigg Market or the Central Station area for the best venues.

Many famous people call Newcastle home. Did you know that the internationally famous 'rubber-faced' comedian Rowan Atkinson is from here. Maybe you know him better as the _____ Mr Bean. Gordon Sumner is from here too. Who? Ok, now he's known as Sting - but he wasn't born with that name! Another musician is the guitarist with Dire Straits, Mark Knopfler. Not to _____ the numerous international footballers.

Finally, if you do come here head for the river. The bridges are a wonderful sight and you'll see the world's first ever road \ rail bridge designed by Robert Stevenson back in 1849 - it's a true local _____.

Transcript

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