

**Aims:**

To introduce the topic of visiting an archive or museum.

To find out more about Newham Archives and Local Studies Library and the Museum of London Docklands.

To find out about each other's experiences and those of other English language learners.

**Introduction:**

This set of activities introduces some of the language around visiting archives and museums as well as the information they provide for planning a visit. Many of the English language learners we worked with were unaware of both the archive and museum so this was an opportunity for them to find out where they could go to find out more about Newham and east London.

**Activities:**

- 2.1a Places we visit
- 2.1b Places we visit
- 2.2 Our stories
- 2.3a A trip to the archive
- 2.3b Information about visiting the archive
- 2.3c Inside the Newham Archive and Local Studies Library
- 2.4a A trip to the museum
- 2.4b A trip to the museum
- 2.4c Inside the museum
- 2.5 Knowledge check

**Vocabulary includes:**

local history

local studies

records

reception

booking

research

box files

reference

original

**Procedure:****Worksheet 2.1a and 2.1b: Places we visit**

There are two worksheet options for this activity. Students can connect the description to the photo with a line or write the description in the space provided. Encourage free discussion around the topic, you can adapt according to your students' level.

**Worksheet 2.2: Our stories**

This introduces the first of 'Our stories' and students answer a number of questions before discussing with a partner their own experiences of visiting museums.

**Extension activity:** Start compiling a list of museums, galleries and archives visited, whether online or in person. Many museums now have virtual tours which can give a remarkably detailed view of their collections with accompanying information. This could include websites of heritage sites in the students' countries.

**Worksheet 2.3a: A trip to the archive**

Students arrange the jumbled sentences in order to tell the story of a trip to the Newham Archive and Local Studies Library. The first sentence is in bold.

**Worksheet 2.3b: Information about visiting the archive**

Students read the information about visiting the Newham Archives and Local Studies Library and answer the questions.

**Extension activity:** This information was correct in 2020, students can check the website to see if there have been any changes.

**Worksheet 2.3c: Inside the Newham Archive and Local Studies Library**

Students read the information about the archive and answer the questions.

**Worksheet 2.4a: A trip to the museum**

Students arrange the jumbled sentences in order to tell the story of a trip to the Museum of London Docklands. The first sentence is in bold.

**Worksheet 2.4b: A trip to the museum**

Students read the information about visiting the Museum of London Docklands and answer the questions.

**Worksheet 2.4c: Inside the museum**

Students find out more about the museum and its galleries and answer questions.

**Extension activity:** Students can find out more about the museum at its website <https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london-docklands> They can see the different galleries, find out about objects and learn more facts about London.

**Worksheet 2.5: Knowledge check**

This activity can be used to check your students' understanding of some of the vocabulary used in the resource. To make this harder ask students to write short sentences using the words.

**ANSWERS:****Worksheet 2.1a and 2.1b**

cinema — watch films                      library — learn about local history                      market — go shopping,  
museum — learn about London                      leisure centre — go swimming

**Worksheet 2.2: Our stories**

1b, 2a, 3c, F, T, T, F, F

**Worksheet 2.3a: A trip to the archive**

F, D, I, E, H, G, A, C, B

**Worksheet 2.3b: Visiting the archive information**

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| 1. Stratford Library      | 2. free  | 3. True  | 4. True       |
| 5. Tuesdays and Thursdays | 6. False | 7. False | 8. 25 and 488 |

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phone number  
website  
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**Worksheet 2.3c: Inside the Newham Archive and Local Studies Library**

1. history of Newham 2. in box files  
3. false 4. true 5. false 6. true

**Worksheet 2.4a: A trip to the museum**

F, D, G, C, I, E, H, A, B

**Worksheet 2.4b: A trip to the museum**

False, True, False, True, False, Stratford Station, museum, stairs, docks

**Worksheet 2.4c: Inside the museum**

free 2. near the reception 3. False 4. False 5. True 6. 1999

**Worksheet 2.5: Knowledge check**

what we find out about — local history, history of Newham, people's stories  
where we find it — library, books, photographs, newspapers, archives, maps, museums