

THE LONDON EYE MYSTERY

- Pod 1 My favourite thing to do in London is to fly the eye.
- Pod 2 On a clear day you can see for 25 miles.
- Pod 3 You are sealed into one of the 32 capsules with the strangers who were next to you in the queue.
- Pod 4 When they close the doors, the sound of the city is cut off.
- Pod 5 The capsules are made of glass and steel and are hung from the rim of the wheel.
- Pod 6 It takes 30 minutes to go a full circle.
- Kat That's an interesting camera Salim.
- Salim My mum gave it to me for going to New York. I wanted a digital one, but she says this kind will make a better photographer of me in the long run.

Salim takes a photo of Ted and Kat

- Salim Let's keep going. We're running late
- Ted Late for what Salim?
- Salim Late for the wheel.
- Ted You can't be late for the London Eye. It turns all day long, 2 times an hour, every hour. Until after dark.

They reach the end of the queue

Mum/Gloria groan

- Mum It's infinite.
- Gloria Why don't we come back later and go to the Tate first?

Salim You promised! (*Stamps his feet*)

Mum Salim's right. We did promise. Here Kat (*gives her money*). You get the tickets and Gloria and I will sit at the café over there and wait.

Salim, Kat and Ted join the queue

Q1 Excuse me. Do you know how long the wait is?

Q2 I think it's half an hour for tickets.

Q3 And another half an hour to board.

Salim Smile you two.

Ted Can I take one?

Kat Don't let him Salim. Ted's useless at stuff like that. You'll end up with a paving stone and half a trainer!

Salim Course you can Ted (*gives Ted the camera*).

Ted takes a picture as Christy approaches

Christy Excuse me. You looking for a ticket?

Kat Actually we're queuing for 5 tickets.

Christy I can give you one if you like. I was going to go on but I'm claustrophobic. I'd pass out, being stuck in one of those Perspex pods.

Salim So you don't want your ticket?

Christy It's yours for the taking. It's the 11.30 boarding. That girl over there is holding my place.

Salim What do you say?

Kat We'll none of us get up at the rate this queue is moving. OK. Mum and Auntie Glo will be glad to have

saved the money. Ted and I have been up already.
You take it Salim. You're the guest.

Christy Have fun!

Man 11.30 boarders step this way!!!

*Create the pod.
Salim steps forwards, turns, waves and goes in*

Ted It's 11.32 on 24th May. He'll be down at 12.02

The pod gets to the top

Ted and Kat NOW! *(they laugh)*

Ted 12.02 precisely.

Person 1 Out of the pod came...

Person 2 4 Japanese tourists...

Person 3 The girl in pink and her boyfriend...

Person 4 A big burly man in a raincoat...

Person 5 2 African women...

Person 6 With 4 children...

Person 7 But Salim had disappeared!