

## London calling

(LEVEL B2/C1)

Part 1: WARM-UP

**EX.1.a** Look at the pictures below. Can you recognize these famous districts of London? Have you ever visited them? If not, which ones would you like to see and why? Compare your ideas with your partner.



Source: <http://search.creativecommons.org>

**EX.1.b** Now take a look at their names below and match them with an appropriate picture:

- City of London
- Notting Hill
- Camden Town
- Soho

**EX. 2 What are advantages and disadvantages of living in a big, cosmopolitan city? Discuss a few ideas with your partner.**

**Part 2: VOCABULARY**

**EX.3.a Match the expressions used in the video with their synonyms**

A. vibrant	a. innovative
B. a high-rise	b. for this reason
C. rough	c. someone successful or talented
D. hence	d. a tower block
E. cutting-edge	e. busy
F. a high-flyer	f. dangerous

**EX.3.b Now use the expressions in an appropriate form to fill in the sentences below.**

1. New York is one of the most ..... capitals of the world.
2. .... in this company are paid much more than their less ambitious colleagues.
3. The company finally decided to beat the competition and invested in a ..... technology.
4. Suddenly it started to rain; ..... we had to change our plans and stay home.
5. This neighbourhood looks awful. There are far too many ..... buildings around here.
6. I don't like this part of town at all – it looks pretty dodgy and .....

### Part 3: WATCHING

**EX.4.a Watch the video once. What did Shoreditch use to be like? What's it like now?**

**EX. 4.b Watch the video again and answer the questions.**

1. What does the nightlife in Shoreditch look like according to Sonny Greene?
2. How did Shoreditch change after World War II?
3. What was Steve Edge's first impression of Shoreditch when he moved in?
4. What was unusual about the way he used to get to work?
5. What makes Shoreditch special according to the artist?
6. What is Korri scared of?
7. Which one is Korri's favourite? Why?

**EX.5 Now watch the video again and complete the rhyme about Shoreditch**

Welcome to Shoreditch  
There's pubs, clubs, bars and .....  
where ..... rave till the morning.  
It's now impossible to find  
this place borin'  
Poets, bands, ..... and gangs  
are around here .....  
Graffiti writers from all over the world  
come here .....  
Even the most sophisticated of .....  
leave Shoreditch .....  
But despite the nightlife  
there's another side  
There's history and .....  
to ..... and .....

**Part 4: AFTER WATCHING:**

**EX.6. Think about your city or the district you live in. Write a short rhyme (min. 4 lines) about it using at least 3 expressions that you remember from the lesson.**