

An interview with a female Beefeater
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(b)LO(g)NDONER: Hello, everybody! We are the (b)LO(g)NDONERS and today we are interviewing the female Beefeater, Moira Cameron to tell us about the Tower of London and the Beefeaters. Good morning Ms. Cameron!

Moira Cameron: Good morning, everybody!

-- So, we would like to ask you some questions about the Tower of London and the Beefeaters.

--Of course! You can ask me whatever you want.

-- Great! So, when was the Tower of London built and why?

-- It was built late in 1066. The White Tower was built by William the Conqueror. It was a royal residence, a royal armory, a prison, and a zoo. Nowadays, it is the residence of the Yeoman Warders.

--Interesting!

--Yeah, right?

--So, how do you feel about being the first woman Beefeater?

--Actually, I feel honored. I think it's great and special to be the first woman Beefeater.

--I think that too. Could you tell us when you became a Beefeater?

--Sure! It was in 2007.

--So, you have been a Beefeater for 15 whole years!

--Yeah, I know!

--And there aren't any other female Beefeaters, right?

--Actually, there are two more but I was the first one.

-- You must feel very special about that!

--I really do! I am honored and I feel unique.

--Great! Now, I would like to ask you about the Bloody Tower.

--Sure! Whatever you want!

--My first question is why it is called like that.

-- Well, it is called Bloody Tower because of the disappearance of two princes. Their skeletons were found in 1674. Their father, King Edward IV died and their uncle, Richard III imprisoned them and killed them!

-- Are there any attractions?

--Yes, there are a lot of attractions. The Bloody Tower, the White Tower, the Royal Mint, the Traitors' Gate, the Tower Green, the armor of Henry VIII, the Chapel, the Jewel House, the apothecary garden, the Torture, exhibition, animal statues, and the Queen's house.

-- Wow, so many attractions! Well, that was great! We've learnt so many things. Thank you very much! It was nice to have you here!!

--The pleasure was mine! Hope to see you again! Goodbye!



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