



KEY  
VOCABULARY

architecture

the art of **designing buildings**

architect

a **person who designs buildings**

design

**planning and drawing** how a building is going to look

dome

a **rounded roof of a building** with a circle shaped base

pillar

a **tall, straight part of a building** that is sometimes decorated, often **holds up another part of the building**

arch

a **curved part of a building** that you can walk under, sometimes an arch holds up a bridge or a roof

tower

a **tall, narrow building**, or part of a building

stained-glass  
window

a window, normally in a church, where **coloured glass creates pictures or patterns**

rose window

a stained-glass **window which is in the shape of a circle**

gargoyle

a carved face of a person or an animal which acts as a **spout to take the water away** from a building

purpose

the **reason why a building has been made** and what it is used for

Westminster  
Abbey

London



the Houses of  
Parliament

London



St Paul's  
Cathedral

London

