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I - SPY

With answers

**Parent/teacher's note:** this is intended for use with The Rowntree Walk leaflet, available from Tourist Information Centres and other outlets in York, or via the web at [www.rowntreesociety.org.uk/rowntree-walk/leaflet/index.php](http://www.rowntreesociety.org.uk/rowntree-walk/leaflet/index.php) . This I-Spy sheet may be downloaded from the website, and there is a separate version without answers. You can contact The Rowntree Society by emailing Bridget Morris [[bridgetmorris@rowntreesociety.org.uk](mailto:bridgetmorris@rowntreesociety.org.uk)]

## Pavement

- 1 Spot the sheep

*(gilded sheep hanging above the Golden Fleece)*

- 2 Spot the headless dragon

*(on rooftop – see skyline)*

## Alley to Lady Peckitt's Yard

- 3 How many types of window shape can you see?

*(oval, arch, large pane, small pane)*

- 4 Spikes on walls, window sills – what are they for?

*(against pigeons)*

- 5 Fossgate - Macdonalds furniture shop – what do you think the building was built as?

*(York's 1<sup>st</sup> cinema, built 1911 called "The Electric Kinema")*

- 6 top of Fossgate - How many churches can you see (any bit of)? *(At adult height, counted 5)*

## Black Horse Passage

7 Guess what the stone in the walls here is part of?

*(The stone formed part of a Carmelite Priory. In the 14<sup>th</sup> century the priory was dismantled, the friars sold 20,000 of its bricks to the Merchant Adventurers for £6, for the building of the Merchant Adventurers Hall.)*

8 How many lampposts can you count?

*(five)*

9 Spot the security cameras. How many can you see?

## Rowntree Wharf

10 How many bridges can you see on the Foss? Which is the oldest? Why do you think so? How old do you think it is?

*(Two. Foss bridge (1812, replacing a smaller bridge when the river became navigable) and iron bridge (1990) opened by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.*

## City Walls

11 Spot the white rose. Anyone know what it is symbol of?

*(on gate onto wall. Symbol of House of York. See it all over York. Pubs, tourist signs, etc. Big battles with House of Lancaster in Civil War, whose symbol was red rose. Henry VII united two roses when he became King of England)*

See if you can spot the white rose anywhere else in York.

## Walmgate Bar

12 Spot the gates to the city wall. Do any of the arches look newer than others?

Can you see the city gates? What were they built to do? Are they still needed in the same way? Why not?

*(Keep out enemies. Control trade in and out of the city. Barricade the city against enemies if necessary – e.g. during Civil War)*

13 Spot the little door (in the gates). Why might it be there? Think back to when the city had walls all round and locked the gates at night against enemies.

*(for travellers at night on foot, for messengers)*

## From the City Walls heading towards River Foss

14 (opposite Royal Dragon Cantonese Hotel, before the Barbican)

How many different kinds of towers / high buildings can you see?

*(church spire, glass works tower, Walmgate tower, clock tower (of law courts), Minster, radio / communication tower near Minster, Rowntree Wharf)*

## Just past Barbican, before steps back down to street

15 Spot the fabulous / imaginary animals.

*(Phoenix (pub sign to right); sea horse (hotel to left with gilt carving))*

## Corner of walls before Travel Lodge

16 Spot the old shop sign. What is the shop below?

*(Fishergate – Oxtoby & son, Painters, paperhangers, decorators.)*

17 Spot the large round stones. What were they used for?

*(Millstones, leaned up against millhouse, for grinding flour)*

## Ouse Bridge

18 Spot the clock

*(above the door of the Toll House)*

19 Spot the swan

*(on pub beyond bridge on Bishopthorpe Rd)*

## Just before Micklegate Bar

20 Spot the rose window

*(on church on Priory St)*

## Walls leading past station

21 Spot the lookouts. They're standing very still.

*(figures carved on the bar – Micklegate?)*

22 Spot the station

23 Spot the archway through the walls. Guess why it was made.

*(Because 1<sup>st</sup> York railway station built inside the walls, so the archway was made for the trains to go in and out through. Then railways expanded so much and so fast, a new station was built outside the walls)*

24 Spot the water tower [is it?] – ie white, round bulb behind station

25 Spot the Minster

26 Spot the golden (gilded) steam train. What is it there for?

*(weather vane on red GNER building)*

## Tanner's Moat

27 Spot the big barrel

28 Spot the old newspaper

*(opp side of river - City Screen / Yorkshire Herald sign)*

29 Spot the angels

*(painted carving on Lendal bridge and another on lamp post)*

30 What famous actress “walks” the river?

*(Dame Judi Dench Walk is the riverside path)*

<i>Child friendly note: York Boats cruise the river all year round.</i>
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## Walking along the river toward The Homestead

31 Spot the St. Mary's ice cream van

32 The name of the road you face when you leave the river walk is “H<sub>2</sub>O Finish” or \_\_\_\_\_ .

*(The name of the road is Water End)*

## The Homestead

33 What tree grows in the roundabout outside The Homestead offices entrance? *Hint: it is the plant name of Rowntree.*

*(Rowan tree)*

*Child friendly note:* Homestead Park (formerly the gardens of Joseph Rowntree's son Seebohm Rowntree, has a good children's play ground with an ice cream stand in summer.

## Walking along Water End

34 Spot the Alms Houses – how many are there?

*(About 10 counting the doors)*

35 Spot the stained glass Yorkshire Rose

*(On the front of White House)*

## Clifton Lodge

36 What gate number do you come to at Clifton Lodge?

*(Gate No. 1)*

## Walking toward Clifton Green

37 How many bells are there on No. 121?

*(10)*

## Walking the snickelway path

38 Quiz Question: Do you know what infamous person attending St. Peter's School? (*Hint: He was the most famous of the "gun powder plotters" who planned to blow up parliament*)

(*Guy Fawkes*)

39 What colour is the clock face on St. Peter's school?

(*Blue or Grey*)

## Walking up St. Mary's to Bootham

40 Why are the walls grooved and what is the only other place in England you might find similar ones?

(*The Walls are grooved to assist archers defending the City and the other place is Alnwick*)

## Penn House

41 What is the number Penn House?

(*49*)

42 How many windows does it have?

(*11*)

## Bootham School

43 What are the ages of children attending Bootham?

(*11-18 years old*)

## Walking along Exhibition Square /

## St. Leonard's Place

*Child-friendly note:* You will pass the Tourist Information Centre on St. Leonard's Place which has details of many activities throughout York. There are toilets outside Bootham Bar and in the Central Library

## Central Library

44 How many square columns are there on the library?

(4)

## Walking along Coney Street

45 Draw the shape of the bread above the bakers here:

## Friends Meeting House

46) Can you find the hidden garden at the Meeting House? (Ask in the Meeting house if you want to visit)

*(It's behind and below the meeting house)*

## Walking along the Pavement

47 What is 10 The Pavement now?

*(A Pizza Hut)*

## How many did you get?

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