



Using the London Underground



Tube trivia:

Do you think these statements are true or false? Discuss your answers with a partner.

1. More than one million mice live on the Underground
2. Disused stations are known as 'ghost' stations.
3. There are 150 stations on the London Underground network
4. The London Underground is the oldest and longest system of its kind in the world. It is also the biggest.
5. It takes an hour to travel around the Circle line
6. More than 1,000 million passengers travel on the tube each year.

Zones:

Use the [tube map](#) to find the answers to these questions.

1. How many zones are there on the Tube?
2. Which zone is Piccadilly Circus in?
3. Which zone is Boston Manor in?
4. Which zone is furthest from central London?

Grid references:

1. What is the grid reference of Ladbrooke Grove station?
2. What is the grid reference of Woodford Station?
3. How many stations in D4 begin with the letter 's'?

Lines:

Try and guess the answers to these questions then use the tube map to check whether you are right or not.

1. How many Underground lines are there?
2. What is the name of the yellow line?
3. What is the name of the grey line?
4. Which line is the shortest?
5. Which line is Heathrow on?
6. Which line is Wimbledon on?
7. Which line connects with the most other lines?
8. Which station has the most lines running through it?

Station info:

Use the additional information on the tube map to answer these questions.

1. When can you not enter Camden Town station to catch a train?
2. Would wheelchair users find it easier to use Euston or Warren Street station? Why?
3. Why might it be a bad idea to meet someone at Blackfriars station?
4. If you need the toilet, is it better to get off at Caledonian Road or King's Cross St. Pancras?



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Following directions:

Get on the Central line at Oxford Circus and go two stops eastbound. Change to the Piccadilly line and travel eight stops northbound. Where are you?

Get on the Tube at Borough and go two stops northbound. Change to the Circle line and travel five stops westbound. Get on the Northern line and travel south for two stations. Where are you?

Get on at Arnos Grove and go five stops southbound on the Piccadilly line then change and go two stops eastbound on the Victoria line. Where are you?

Get on the Underground at Chalk Farm and go south until the end of the line. Where are you?

Giving directions:

How do I get from Kentish Town to Russell Square?

How do I get from Caledonian Road to Bermondsey?

How do I get from South Kensington to Farringdon?

How do I get from Paddington to London Bridge via. Holland Park?



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Answers:

Tube trivia:

1. (F) An estimated half a million mice live within the Underground system.
2. (T) Disused stations are known as 'ghost' stations.
3. (F) 270 stations
4. (F) The London Underground is the oldest and longest system of its kind in the world. But not the biggest.
5. (T) It takes an hour to travel around the Circle line
6. (T) 1,073 million passengers travel on the tube each year.

Zones:

1. 9; 2. 1; 3. 4; 4. 9.

Grid references:

1. c3 2. a8 3. 3

Lines:

1. 11 (DLR and Overground don't count)
2. Central line
3. Jubilee line
4. Waterloo and City
5. Piccadilly line
6. District line
7. Jubilee line
8. King's Cross St. Pancras

Station info:

1. 13:00 until 17:30 Saturdays and Sundays
2. Euston - there is step-free access from the platform to the street
3. It is not open until late 2011
4. King's Cross St. Pancras (it has toilets)

Following directions:

1. Turnpike Lane
2. Kennington
3. Tottenham Hale
4. Morden