

HISTORY: LONDON TRANSPORT



1. Watch the video and choose the correct answers:

1. What is London's population?
 - a. 5,5 million people
 - b. 8.5 million people
 - c. 10.5 million people
2. How do British people call the London Underground?
 - a. the Tube
 - b. the metro
 - c. the two
3. How many different lines are there in the London Underground?
 - a. 14
 - b. 4
 - c. 207
4. How are most of London's buses?
 - a. very old
 - b. there are no buses in London
 - c. quite new
5. Which colour are London buses?
 - a. black
 - b. blue
 - c. red
6. Which colour are taxis in London?
 - a. yellow
 - b. red
 - c. black
7. Tell me another word for taxi.
 - a. cat
 - b. cab
 - c. tack
8. What is the most expensive means of transport in London?
 - a. the underground
 - b. the bus
 - c. the taxi
9. Why is the traffic much better now than before?
 - a. because of the underground
 - b. because of the new system of buses
 - c. because of the new system of bicycle hire scheme
10. Why are bikes popular in London?
 - a. because they are cheaper and cleaner
 - b. because they are cheaper and better for the environment
 - c. because they are new and there are a lot of bikes

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Listen to the video again and fill in the gaps with the correct word. Numbers go in digits.

_____ has got a population of around 8.5 million. It's big, bright and very, very _____. Because there are so many _____ in the city, there are lots of different kinds of _____.

This is the London Underground. Most people in the UK call it 'the _____' and it's very _____. Millions of people use the underground every day and it's almost always busy! The Tube is over _____ years old and has a very _____ history. Today, there are _____ different lines and _____ stations all over London.

There are lots of overground train _____ too. This is Waterloo, a very busy train station in the _____ of London. There are _____ here to many different places - in London and all over the UK. Of course, _____ are parts of London that haven't got an underground or an overground station, but this isn't _____ a problem because there are lots of _____ too.

London's red double-decker buses are famous all over the _____. Most of these are quite new, but some are a lot older. In fact, there are _____ original red buses - called Routemasters - that are around _____ years old!

Another London icon is the 'black _____'. These London taxis are _____ to recognize and they're very useful _____. The drivers know a lot about London. They're a lot more _____ than the Tube or the bus, but these cabs are usually _____ and much more _____.

Sometimes, though, traffic is a problem. Because London is a major capital _____, the roads are often very busy. But it's now a lot better than _____, and one reason for this is the city's cycle hire scheme. The scheme is just over _____ years old and today there are _____ bicycles and over _____ docking stations all around the city. The _____ are very popular because they're _____ than taxis or the Tube and they're a lot _____ for the environment so London's streets are _____ and less polluted.

From _____ to the Tube, from red double-decker buses to today's cycle hire scheme, there are lots of _____ types of transport in London. In fact, the public transport _____ is probably more famous than anywhere else in the _____!