

## 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

## HISTORY OF LONDON TRANSPORTATION

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 \_\_\_\_\_!