

Transport in London (the Tube and buses)



43 million

150

40

six

11,000

1. Read and listen about London underground. Complete the text with the numbers above. Match.

Fast Facts: The London Tube

London has an underground train network called the Tube. It's one of the busiest in the world, and it's the oldest. The first tube train left Paddington Station in 1863, more than years ago. The Tube was a lot cheaper then: a single journey cost pence. Today it costs about £5. Let's find out more ...

Fact 1

The Tube has 'ghost stations', or stations that people don't use. Some ghost stations are film sets – you can see them on TV. Other ghost stations are in pop videos!

Fact 2

People often leave things on tube trains. They usually forget their phones, but also strange things, like gorilla costumes and false teeth!

Fact 3

In World War II, Tube stations were safe places. They were underground, so lots of children slept there. On Christmas Day in 1940, workers gave toys to children on the Tube!

Fact 4

Tube train drivers work very hard. They travel miles every year. That's half-way to the sun!

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2. Now read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 When did the first Tube station open?
- 2 What do we call stations that people don't use?
- 3 What do people usually leave on Tube trains?
- 4 Why did people sleep in Tube stations during World War II?

3. Watch the video and finish sentences with 1 word.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxZmWDuUPAg>

- a) A bus has got big wheels that go round and _____ .
- b) The bus is _____ at the bus stop.
- c) _____ the canal it goes.
- d) The bus conductor collects the passenger's _____ .
- e) This bus is called Double _____ Bus.

4. Listen to Martha and Max do a quiz about London buses. Write True or False.

- 1 London buses are different colours. *False*
- 2 There is a ghost bus in London.
- 3 People first used buses in 1829.
- 4 There are 18,000 buses in London.
- 5 Max takes the bus to school.

5. Now some more Fun Facts about London transport.

<http://www.asbiuro.pl/blog/kilka-slow-o-metrze-w-londynie-czesc-1-liczby-i-ciekawostki/>

Not only for Star Wars fans:

<https://www.transport-publiczny.pl/wiadomosci/czy-londynskie-metro-zagralo-w-gwiezdnych-wojnach-51779.html>

Now about buses:

<https://turystyka.wp.pl/londyn-stolica-wielkiej-brytanii-i-jej-symbole-6081205075255937a>

