



## London Underground

The London Underground is a metro system serving the City of London, much of Greater London, Essex, Hertfordshire, and Buckinghamshire.

It has the distinction of being the world's first underground lines system (the first sections opening in 1863). Also known as the 'Tube' (due to the tubular shape of the network's tunnels), the London Underground and the common announcement "mind the gap" have become well known international tourist phenomena.

The London Underground has 11 different lines, all of which are colour coded and mapped out on a schematic map.

The estimated total number of passengers carried on the Tube each year is 1,073 million. The busiest station in terms of passengers each year is Victoria with 76 million.

The London Underground's world-famous logo, 'the roundel', a red circle crossed with a horizontal blue bar, first appeared in 1908. The average train speed is 33km per hour.

Recent improvements include the completion of three new stations, the complete refurbishment of the entire District line train fleet and the installation of the Airwave radio system, which also allows police and emergency services radios to work underground.

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### ACTIVITIES

1 Answer the following questions.

- 1 What is London Underground also known as?
- 2 How many lines does the London Underground have?
- 3 When did the logo was designed?