



Teacher notes

Underground fact sheet

Central line

- When the first section of the Central line opened in 1900 it was nicknamed the 'Twopenny Tube' because the fare was two old pence (about 1p) to anywhere on the line
- The Central line holds the record for being the longest line on the London Underground
- It serves 49 stations
- Oxford Circus is the busiest station on the Central line with over 85 million passing through it every year

Bakerloo line

- When the Bakerloo line opened in 1906 it was called the Baker Street and Waterloo railway
- Maida Vale was the first London station to have an all-female staff when it opened in 1915
- Waterloo is the busiest station on the Bakerloo line
- The Bakerloo line is 20.9 kilometres long - that's 14 miles in length

London Overground

- The London Overground uses, amongst others, the old East London line tracks. These include the oldest underwater tunnel in the world – the Thames Tunnel between Wapping and Rotherhithe stations, which opened in 1843
- The Thames Tunnel was originally designed for horse-drawn carriages – but it was never used for this purpose. However, it was used by pedestrians
- Strangely, at Whitechapel station the Overground line actually runs underneath the Underground line
- The London Overground network consists of 83 stations

District line

- When the first section of the District line opened in 1868 the trains were powered by steam
- With 60 stations, the District line holds the record for the most stations on a single London Underground line. Out of the 60 stations, 25 are underground
- The District line carries more than 600,000 passengers a day



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Hammersmith and City line

- Liverpool Street is the Hammersmith and City line's busiest station
- There are 29 stations served by this line
- One of these stations is Baker Street, which shares the record with Moorgate for having the most platforms on the Underground, each having 10

Circle line

- The Circle line opened in 1884
- In the early days the Circle line trains were powered by steam
- It takes on average one hour to complete a round trip on the Circle line
- Victoria is the busiest tube station on the Circle line

Jubilee line

- The Jubilee line is London Underground's newest line to be built - the first section opened in 1979 and the extended line (from Green Park to Stratford) opened twenty years later in 1999
- It holds the record for the most number of escalators on the Underground - there are 118 escalators on the Jubilee Line Extension alone
- The trains on the Jubilee line can recycle energy by putting electricity back into the line as they brake

Metropolitan line

- The Metropolitan line was London's first Underground line
- The Metropolitan line's busiest station is King's Cross
- It holds the record for the longest distance between two stations - the distance from Chesham to Chalfont and Latimer is 6.26 kilometres (3.8 miles)

Northern line

- The Northern line holds the record for the longest escalator on the Underground - the escalator at Angel Station is 60 metres long
- It also holds the deepest station - Hampstead is 58.5 metres below ground level
- When the first section of the Northern line opened in 1890 it was called the City and South London Railway



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Piccadilly line

- When it opened in 1906, the Piccadilly line was called the Great Northern, Piccadilly and Brompton Railway
- The Piccadilly line holds the record for the shortest distance between two stations on the Underground - the distance between Leicester Square and Covent Garden is only 0.26 Kilometres (0.16 miles)
- There are four disused stations on the Piccadilly line between Caledonian Road and Osterley Stations

Victoria line

- The Victoria line opened in 1969
- It is 21.2 kilometres (13.25 miles) long
- During the three hour morning peak at least 34,000 people enter Victoria Tube station located on the Victoria line
- Trains run every two minutes during peak periods

Waterloo and City line

- The Waterloo and City line is just 1.5 miles long
- It only links Waterloo and Bank with no additional stops in between
- It offers a direct train link between Waterloo and the city of London and is mainly used in the morning by commuters