

Treasure hunt in London

I. LONDON

1. Read the following passage containing some information about London.

For almost 1,000 years London has been a capital city, first of England and, since 1707, of the whole of Britain. Covering 1,580 sq. kms, London is the largest city in Europe. Nearly seven million people live in London, and a further million travel in each day to work.

London is a city of contrasts. It contains a mixture of old and new, parkland, residential areas and office blocks. As a great trading city London has long drawn people from across the world to live and work there. Over one million of London's residents were born outside Britain. The resulting cosmopolitan mix contributes to the diversity of London's arts, culture and entertainment and the vitality of London life.

2. a Write down the sentences which contain Present Perfect Tense. Explain why it is used.

2. b Compare the Present Perfect sentences to the one below. What tense is used here and why is it different?

London grew in a fairly unplanned way until the 1930s.



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2. c Present Perfect or Simple Past? Choose the correct verb form in the following sentences.

1. London (be) a centre of commerce since the Romans (establish) it in 43 AD.
2. Royal parks (be) originally areas preserved for hunting.
3. Londoners (convert) many terraced houses into business premises or embassies.
4. In the nineteenth century London’s suburbs (begin) to spread.
5. The European record industry (start) in London in the 1890s.

II. THE LONDON UNDERGROUND

3. Look at the “Tube” map (see Appendix 1 of A 15.1) and study it. Answer the questions about the underground system of London.

- How many fare zones are there?
- How many different lines are there?
- Each line has a colour and a name. Write the names of the different lines here:
 1. dark blue
 2. light blue
 3. green
 4. light green
 5. dark brown
 6. light brown
 7. yellow
 8. black
 9. red
 10. orange
 11. pink
 12. grey
- Which line connects Heathrow Airport with central London?
- Which lines cross the River Thames?
- Which line has its terminals at Walthamstow Central and Brixton?
- Which lines cross Baker Street station?
- How many lines meet at Liverpool Street?

4. Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions about using the underground. Use the following structures.

EXAMPLE ■ – Excuse me, how do I get from Piccadilly Circus to Gloucester Road?
– Take the Piccadilly line westbound and it's the fifth station.

Use other structures.

EXAMPLE ■ How many stations is it from to ?

Which line do you take to get from to ?

Which is the quickest route from to?

Which tube lines stop at ?

You'll have to change at

You don't have to change

Take the Line to and change onto the Line.

Get a southbound train.



5. Read the following text about how to use the London Tube.

The quickest and easiest way to get around in central London is by the underground (also known as the “tube”. Trains run every few minutes between 5:30 and 24:00 (7:30 to 23:30 on Sundays and Bank Holidays). Tickets may be bought either by queuing at the station ticket office or from one of the automatic machines at the entrance of each station. A standard fare is charged for all destinations within a zone, the more zones you cross the more expensive the ticket will be.

Getting in and out of central London stations is easy using automatic gates. Just put your ticket, magnetic stripe downwards, in the slot on the right of the gate you are using. It will open when you take your ticket out. Keep your ticket until the end of the journey as it is the proof that you have paid your fare. When you leave the station, the procedure is the same. If your ticket is valid for another journey, it will be returned to you. If not, the gate will let you through but will keep your ticket.

6. Answer the questions using the information from the text above.

- How many hours per day does the London Underground operate?
- Where can you buy tickets?
- Which is more expensive: travelling from Zone 1 to Zone 2 or from Zone 2 to Zone 4?
- Why do you have to keep your ticket until the end of the journey?

III. USING THE MAP

7. Look at the street map of London (Appendix 1) and study it. Find the most important sights of London: Buckingham Palace, Marble Arch, St. Paul’s Cathedral, the Tower of London, Tower Bridge, British Museum, Trafalgar Square, the National Gallery, Madam Tussaud’s, the Science Museum, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey.

