

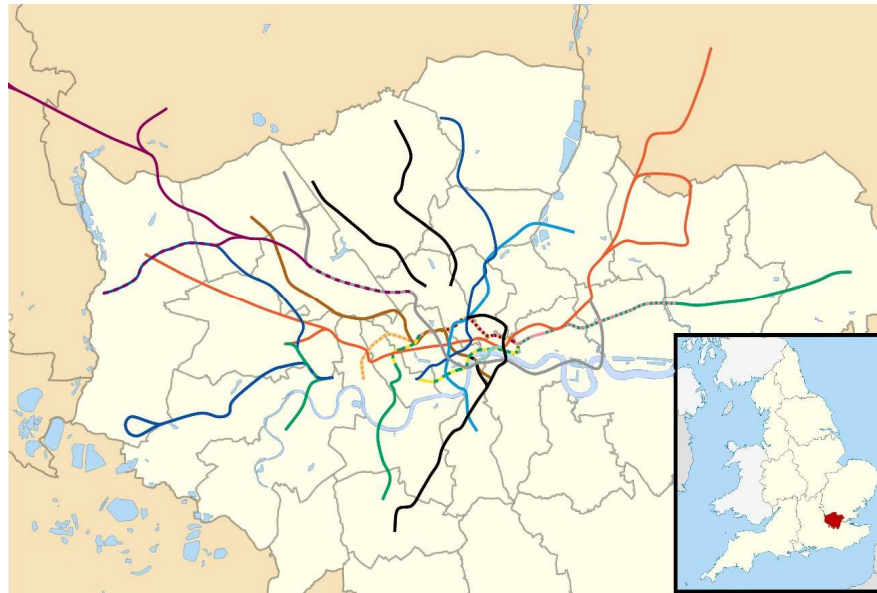
The eight steps to the London Underground



First step: informazioni generali

- ✧ Lessico fondamentale (formazione e pronuncia) inerente al trasporto e alla mobilità metropolitana: scale, ascensori, scale mobili, direzione, entrata, uscita, linea, biglietto, abbonamento, multa, prossima fermata, capolinea, connessione, ultima corsa, prima corsa, etc.
- ✧ The Tube: dati fondamentali sulla sua estensione, le linee, la tipologia di trasporto (senza guidatore, sotterraneo o di superficie ecc.)
- ✧ La storia e le modalità di fabbricazione.
- ✧ Raggio all'interno dell'area metropolitana (The Greater London Authority).

Here is the Greater London Authority or Greater London. Write line terminals using the Underground map below!



Tube Map



Second step: words, chats & answers

- Listen to this song by Adam Kay and seize the chunks referring to the London Underground and the London public transport. Then answer to the following questions:

Which inconvenience could passengers deal with when travelling by The Tube either in London or in any other big city (excluding NY, maybe)?

What about the singer? Why is he complaining?

Have you ever experienced anything like that?

What would you think and say?

- Before answering the questions above, discuss them with your school friend. Then, make a first Word Wall of your London wandering by public transport, (especially The Tube). Remember to constantly widen it with new words as long as you meet new related words during this unit.

http://www.lyricsfreak.com/a/adam+kay/london+underground_10002494.html

*Some people like to get a train to work,
Or drive in a Beamer or a Merc.
Some guys like to travel by bus,
But I can't be bothered with the fuss today,
I'm gonna take by bike,
'Cause once again the Tube's on strike.*

*The greedy bastards want extra pay for sitting on their ass all day,
Even though they earn 30k,
So I'm here in the pouring rain.*

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The Underground Word Wall					
Verbs	Nouns	Adverbs	Information	Warnings	Pricing policy
				<i>Mind the gap</i>	
<i>Drive</i>	<i>Bus</i>				
<i>travel</i>	<i>Fuss</i>				
<i>Get (a train)</i>	<i>bike</i>				

Third step

- Watch the map of the London Underground and discuss with your school friend what the network reminds you. i.e., the shape of the city railway network of Milan reminds me of a Velociraptor...
- Link five main stops to five features of the animal or the object you have chosen to be compared...
- Look at the tourist map of London below and link monuments and landmarks to the stops (and lines) of the London Underground.



- Draw three columns and put in the first the name of the stops, in the second the well-known sites to be visited, in the third the common name of the buildings, institutions and so on
- Make up a Word Wall of the main London landmarks.

Word wall of London well-known sites					
Churches	Statues & monuments	Art Galleries	Museums	Historical buildings	Attractions
		paintings			Ferris wheel
		canvas			
		hall			
		audioguide			
		sculptures			

- Improve your Wall Word related to travelling by the Tube using both the information text below and your web search to answer the questions about it:

London Public Transport Network is one of the biggest and most extensive in the world, and might seem little intimidating to new visitors. Add a Travelcard to your London Pass to make getting round the city on your sightseeing experience even more relaxing and cost efficient. A Travelcard gives you unlimited use of the world famous London Tube, bus services and over-ground trains around London. It's your travel ticket to navigate around the city using any valid public transport. Benefits of getting a Travelcard include: Unlimited journeys on all London Underground trains (Tube), Buses, Trams, Docklands Light Rail, Over-ground Trains and National Rail Services within zones 1–6. No hassle of carrying around tickets or standing in queues to buy daily fares – the Travelcard includes everything you will need. Great value for money when you buy a 6 day London Pass with Travel as you get a 7 day Travelcard valid within peak hours - that's a whole extra day for free and you're allowed to travel at whatever time of the day you want! Make huge savings as a zone 1-6 underground ticket bought in London costs £5.00 and a bus ticket is £2.40 so even after 2 or 3 journeys you will be saving money.

- Questions: 1) What is the Travelcard? 2) What is the London Pass? 3) Look for fares of each! Which difference is there between them? 3) Why is it worth buying both, maybe on line, before leaving to London for a week holiday? 4) And the Oyster card? What is it? Is it available for foreigners?

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- Play with your partner questioning each other about transport information and places to go, and answer:

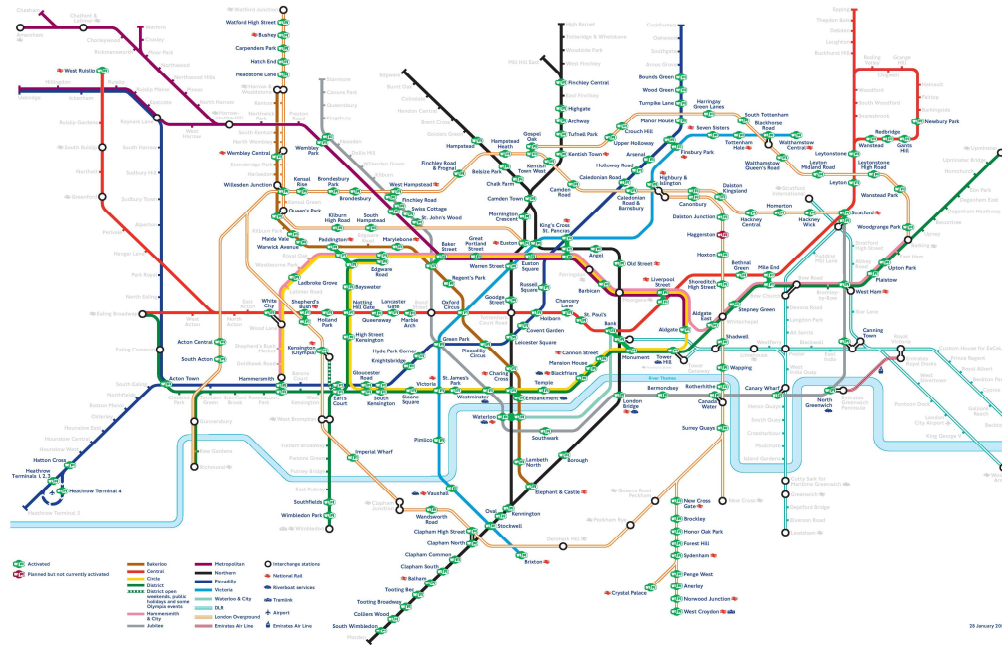
Q “Before leaving had we better buy a London pass and a Travel Card?”
“How long would you stay in London?”, “Which airport will you be landing in?”,
“I would like to go...”, “Please, do you know where... is/are?”, “Is it the right way to...?”, “Sorry, we are trying to go to..., we would like...”, “Please, is it far from...?”, “Oh, we have got lost in the Greater London as Dante did in the dark forest ☺. Can you help us to find the right way to...?”, “Well, we would be so obliged if you could let us arrive at the British Museum: we have been uselessly getting around two hours all over the neighborhood as crazy pilgrims. Is this a wicked neighborhood or...? Sorry, we come from and we are not used to visiting a big city”.

A “Well, the fast way to...”; “It's easy: go straight, then turn...”; “Walk along, towards... , till you arrive at...”, “on the left/on the right/turn left, right/the second, the third, the forth”; “Go on as far as; keep the right/left side; You'll get to a circus, a square, in front of a building with columns, a magnificent facade; cross the street and...; take the 19 bus to...; Get on, get off ; You'll enter/take/turn a huge roundabout, a crossroads, a fork, a junction, a bridge, a tunnel, long staircases up and down...”; “To go upstairs you had better take

the lift: there are almost two hundreds steps!

- What do you think about WiFi on the London Underground? Watch this map!

WiFi on the London Underground and London Overground



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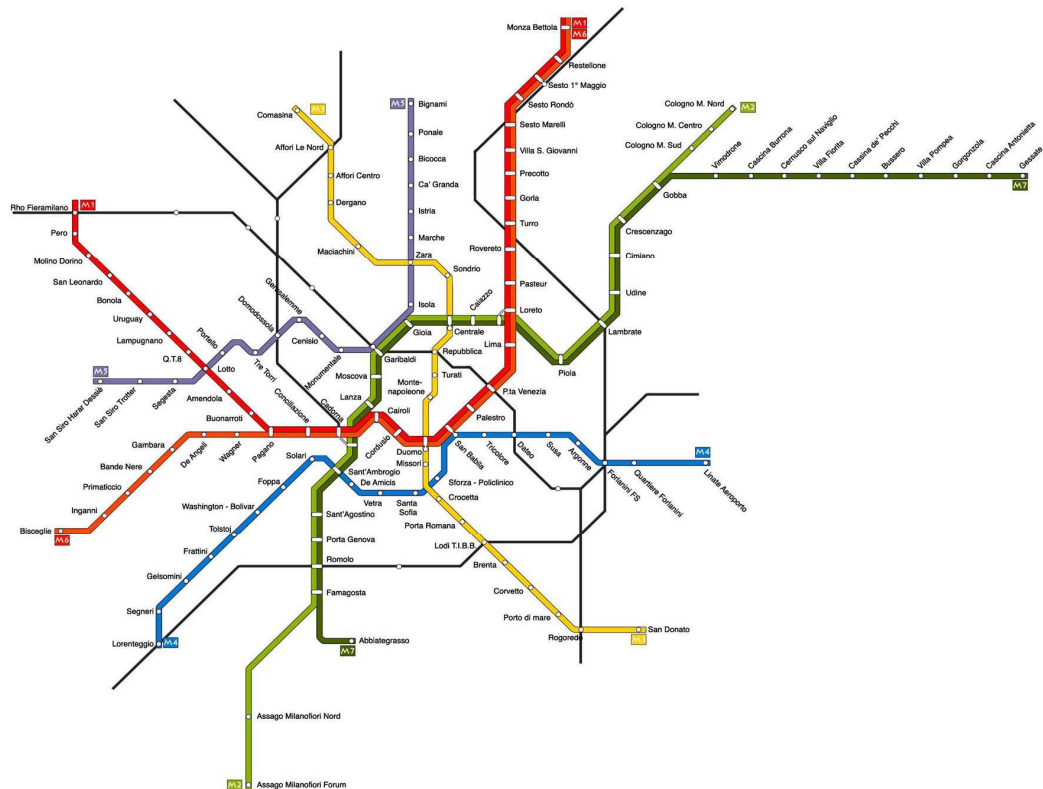
Forth step: homework

- Identify four features you find profoundly different when comparing the Milan underground network to The Tube's. Here below is the Milan network.
- Explain the differences between the two networks to a native of Milan, who proudly affirms that Milan owns the largest underground in Italy.

I inform you

Take notice that

I would like you to realize that/ to understand that...



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Fifth step: resuming, reinforcing & improving

- Put aside the two maps and draw the networks with their main lines, terminal and well-known stops.
- Put some London landmarks over the drawing after having lined up the Thames.
- Compare to the city map and make corrections, if necessary.
- Explain to an Indian tourist arriving at Milano Porta Garibaldi how to go to Piazza Duomo.
- Write a short London sightseeing tour by The Tube only, leaving from Ealing (West London). Refer to your Wws words and to the following vocabulary: *to take, to get on, to get out, to get to, to shift, to cross, to run, to stop, to change, to last, to arrive at, to keep, to connect, to link and stop, train, time, connection, line.*

Sixth and seventh step: play, remember and *highlight!*

- With your school friends, let's play:
let's split the class into five or six groups of three;
each group invents three stories dealing with the London Underground, one of which must be false, and tell them to the other groups;
the winners are: a) the faster group guessing the false story; b) the group inventing the most arduous false story to be identified.
- Homework: Gather all your notes regarding the London Underground and focus the contents (and chunks and words) related to The Tube and to travelling in it.

Eighth step: test

Now, can you describe your London experience in an email (or a text to be sent through social network) addressed to your girl/boy friend? The more you delay the moment you will kiss her/him the more you are enjoying your London sightseeing, which you wish it were forever... **THANKS TO THE LONDON UNDERGROUND!**

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