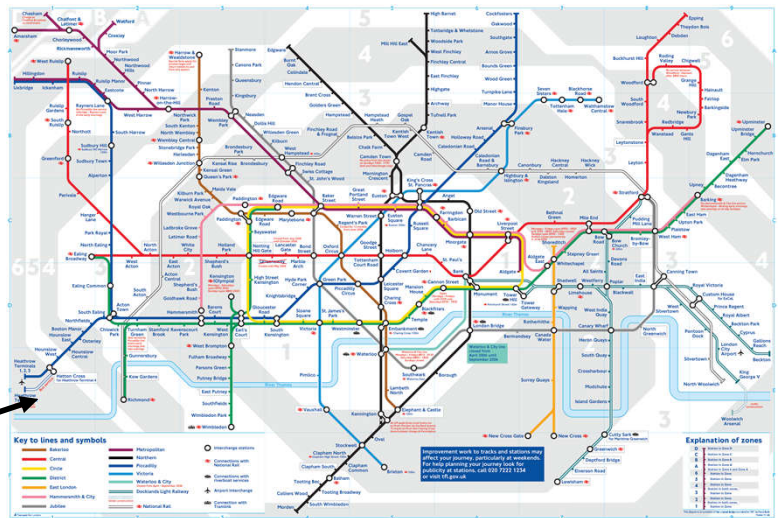


The London Underground



The London Underground, also known as the *Tube* is the world's oldest underground railway. It was also the first underground railway to use electric trains.

The earliest parts of the underground system were begun in 1863. Today there are 270 stations and 250 miles of track! The *Tube* map is one of the most famous maps in the world. There are 11 lines, all shown in different colour on the map.



The first line ran between Paddington station and Farringdon street and opened on 10th January 1863. The second line was the Hammersmith and City railway which opened the year after.

Did you know?

About 3 million people go on the London Underground every day!

Most tourists buy tickets from stations but people who use the trains every day usually pay using an Oyster Card.

