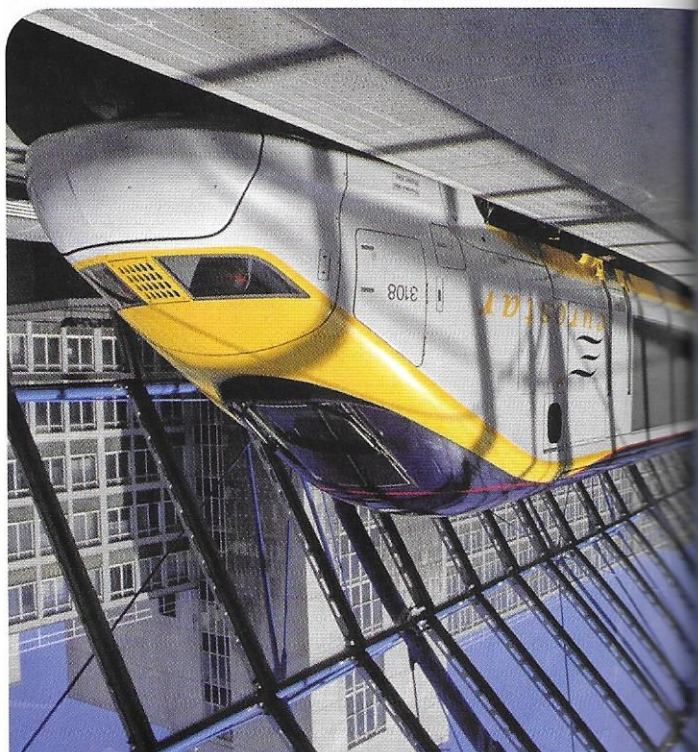




Trains

Train services connect London to all the big towns and cities in Britain and to some destinations in Europe. There are 12 large train stations in London. The largest and busiest station in London is Waterloo. Over 90 million passengers use it every year.

The Eurostar connects London to Paris and Brussels. It departs from St Pancras International Train Station near King's Cross. The train travels through a tunnel under the English Channel. It's the second longest train tunnel in the world! The train can travel at 300 km an hour.

Many tourists go to King's Cross station to find platform 9¾. Harry Potter catches the train here to Hogwarts's school in the Harry Potter films. The platform doesn't exist, but after the success of the films, there's now a sign for it and tourists often take photos there.

1 4.04 Leggi e ascolta i brani. Poi rispondi alle domande. ES

- 1 What colour are London's famous double-decker buses?
- 2 Where can you buy tickets for a London bus?
- 3 What is an Oyster card?
- 4 What is the minimum charge in a London black taxi cab?
- 5 What is The Knowledge?
- 6 What is the busiest railway station in London?
- 7 What cities does the Eurostar train connect?
- 8 What public transport do you use where you live?

2 Leggi il *factfile* e rispondi alle domande. Usa le risposte per preparare una breve presentazione orale sui mezzi di trasporto a Milano. ES

Underground

- Three lines and 94 stations. There are more lines in construction
- Trains every 7–10 minutes.
- Open 6 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.

Trains

- Four principal railway stations
- Stazione di Milano Centrale – busiest railway station
- 24 platforms and more than 120 million passengers every year

Bus / Tram

- Extensive bus and tram services
- From 6 a.m. to midnight (no night service)
- Buy tickets at a tobacconist's, a newsagent's, or a bar
- Ticket machines at underground stations and at some bus stops

Taxis

- Most official taxis are white
- Meters in the taxi

Cycle or Scooter hire

- Public bike hire
- 200 bike stations with 1,400 bicycles

Transport in Milan

3 Ora prepara una breve presentazione orale sui mezzi di trasporto nella tua città. Usa le domande dell'es. 2 come aiuto. ES

- What forms of public transport are there in Milan?
- What time does the underground close?
- What is the name of the main train station?
- What time do the buses and trams start and stop?
- Where can you buy tickets?
- Are there night buses/trams?
- What colour are the taxis?
- Is there a public bicycle hire system?