

Knowledge Organiser - Geography - Why do people choose to live in London?

London Factfile:

London is the capital of England and the UK.
Founded: 43AD (1,978 years ago) by Romans
Population: 8.8million
Main river: Thames
Size (area): 1,572km²

London Landmarks



Houses of Parliament
(Where laws are made)



Tower of London
(Castle and old prison)



Buckingham Palace
(Where the king lives)



St Paul's Cathedral



10 Downing Street
(The Prime Minister's house)



The O2 Arena (Millennium Dome)
(Venue for music shows)

Push / Pull factors

Push factor = make you want to move away from a place

- Not enough jobs
- Better pay elsewhere
- House prices too high
- Too busy
- Not near friends / family
- Pollution
- No university / education
- Far away from travel links
- Too much crime / war
- Natural disasters



Pull factor = make you want to move to a place

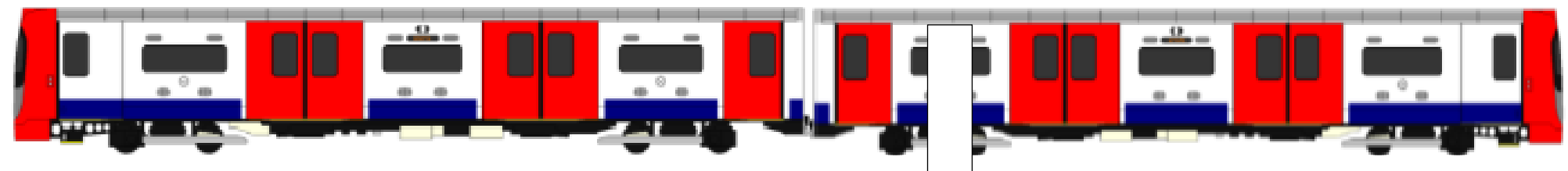
- Better / more jobs
- Higher wages
- Better house prices
- Quieter area
- More things to do
- More shops / amenities
- Good health care
- Less pollution



Travel in London - London has a number of different ways to travel around that are not available in smaller cities. This is important because, with so many people living there, roads easily become busy, which create traffic jams and high levels of pollution.



The London Underground - The Underground is the most popular and quickest way to travel around London. Just over a billion passengers use the Underground every year. It was first opened in 1863, when steam trains were used just below road surface. Now, there are 270 stations around London; the average depth of an underground station is 20 metres below the surface but 55% of the lines actually run above ground.



Working in London - London used to have a busy manufacturing sector, making ships, cars and electronics. However, over the years factories have closed and become less common. Below, are some jobs that are popular with people who move to London seeking work:

Construction - Builders/electricians/scaffolders/plumbers/engineers build, restore and maintain new and old buildings and railways. The construction industry is essential for keeping London running and safe.

Transport - Drivers/mechanics/ticket sellers/route planners/baggage handlers/security for travel around London. 79,000 people work at London's two busiest airports (Heathrow and Gatwick) and 40,000 people work at London's port.

The Arts - Actors/costume designers/stage managers/sound technicians/box-office workers. London has over 15million visitors to the 'West End' every year where there are 39 theatres. 18,500 employees from all over the world come here to work and put on shows.

Tourism/Hospitality - Waiters/bar staff/receptionists/chefs/cleaners/porter/guide/security/museum worker. London has over 20million visitors every year who need places to stay, eat and visit. The hospitality sector (hotels and restaurants) employs around 500,000 people. There are also 170 museums in London for tourists to visit.

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