

# Tube Challenge 2013

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## The Challenge

Since he was a young boy, James Griffith has dreamed of visiting every Tube station in London in a single day. Now, at the age of 21, he's hoping to make this dream a reality. But he doesn't just want to visit every station in a day, he's planning to break the world record by visiting every station in the fastest time, using only public transport.

The London Underground is the world's oldest underground railway. Opening in 1863, and now comprising 402 km of track, the Tube forms a vast network of underground tunnels and carries over a billion passengers per year through London. 2013 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> year of operation of the Underground, and is a fitting time to attempt the challenge.

The challenge is simple: to visit all 270 stations on the Tube network in a single day. To beat the record, he needs to do it in under {...}.

But being simple by no means makes the challenge easy. With such a complex transport network and so many passengers, delays are inevitable and unpredictable. A delay of just a few minutes in the chosen route could render the whole challenge unachievable due to missed trains and connections. The physical element of the challenge is also gruelling: equivalent to running a marathon through busy London stations, up and down thousands of steps and sprinting to make fast connections. Another significant issue is sheer boredom: over 16 hours of sitting on Tubes in a day will almost certainly make James want to quit; taking a good book will be of utmost importance.

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## The Team

With such a huge task ahead of him, James has enlisted the support of some friends. Each brings a unique skill, vital for the completion of the challenge.

## The Strategy