

Metro's little book of things to see



What will you **spot** on Metro today?

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Spot it, **tick it.**

Hello, Metro wants to set you a special mission.

This little book is packed full of things to discover and it's up to you to find them all when you're out and about.

Keep your eyes peeled for all the objects, animals and places listed in this book. Every time you tick something off, you score a point.

You can even let Metro know how you're getting on. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram (you might have to ask an adult for permission) and share photos using the hashtag **#MetroMission**

When you've found everything, there's a special certificate at the back to say you've completed the mission.

Good luck and happy spotting!

All the attractions in this book are in public spaces and can be easily and safely found on foot.

Please check opening hours of attractions before you travel.



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On the Metro.



Each year, 40 million passenger journeys are made on Metro. The network is 48.2 miles long, has two lines and 60 stations, nine of which are underground. That makes us the second-largest light rail system in the UK. Only the London Underground is bigger!

When you find the following, tick them off:

Metro cube

Ticket gate

Information / Help point

Level crossing

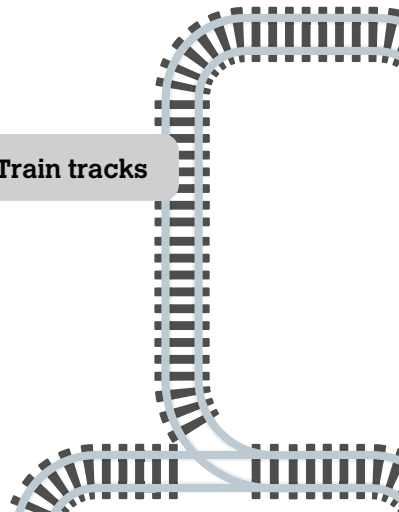
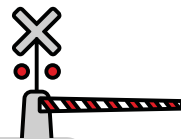
Metro map



Driver's cab

Ticket machine

Train tracks



In the town.



Tyne and Wear is made up of the Newcastle upon Tyne, Sunderland, Gateshead, North Tyneside and South Tyneside. These areas are all very busy and there's always lots going on. Beep-beep!

When you find the following, tick them off:

Metro station

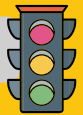
Bicycle



Bus



Traffic lights



Motorbike



Zebra crossing

Car



Taxi



At the coast.

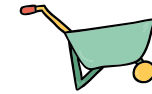


We've got seven beaches, so take your pick if you fancy sandcastles, ice creams, surfing or a new place to walk the dog. There's an International Airshow every year at Sunderland's Roker Beach, so there's always lots to see at the seaside.

When you find the following, tick them off:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ice cream van	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seagull
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bucket and spade	<input type="checkbox"/>	Boat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surfer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Someone fishing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fish and chip shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deckchair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sea	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sand

At the farm.

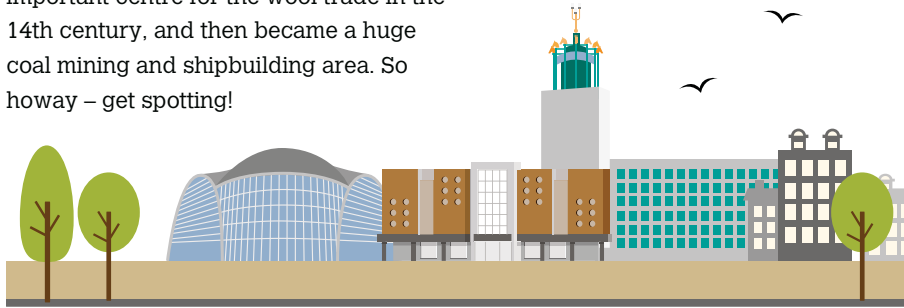


You can visit lots of green spaces, urban farms and petting zoos using Metro. There's Ouseburn Farm (near Manors or Byker Metro station), Rising Sun Farm (Palmerston Metro station), Pets Corner in Jesmond Dene (Jesmond Metro station), Saltwell Park (Gateshead Metro station), and Bill Quay Community Farm (Pelaw Metro station) where you can learn about growing food and see lots of animals.

When you find the following, tick them off:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheep	<input type="checkbox"/>	Farm dog
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Horse
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/>	Duck
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pig	<input type="checkbox"/>	Goat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tractor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bale of hay

Home of the Geordie, Newcastle is named after the castle built in 1080 by William the Conqueror's eldest son. The city was an important centre for the wool trade in the 14th century, and then became a huge coal mining and shipbuilding area. So howay – get spotting!



The dinosaur at Great North Museum: Hancock

M Nearest Metro station:
Haymarket

This life-size T-rex skeleton was the first exhibit installed in the museum. It's so big a pit had to be dug. That was the only way the 4.9-metre-tall dinosaur would fit in!

Date:

Grey's Monument, Grey Street

M Nearest Metro station:
Monument

Charles Grey was British Prime Minister in the 1830s. The famous Earl Grey tea blend was named after him too. Today, his monument is one of Newcastle's most iconic landmarks.

Date:



Sir Bobby Robson statue, St. James' Park

M Nearest Metro station:
St James

This statue of former Newcastle United and England manager, Sir Bobby Robson (1933-2009), was designed by Morpeth sculptor, Tom Maley... Pass the ball, Sir Bobby!

Date:

Chinese Arch, St Andrew's Street, Chinatown

M Nearest Metro station:
St James

The arch is decorated with carved and painted animals, including dragons and phoenixes. There are also two stone lions standing guard which bring good luck.

Date:

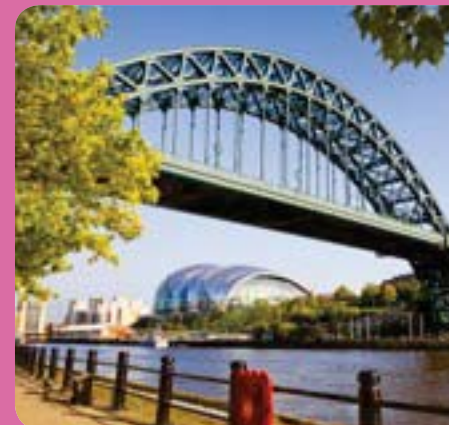


Tyne Bridge, over the River Tyne

M Nearest Metro station:
Central Station

It's the most iconic of the seven bridges crossing the River Tyne and a celebrated symbol of Tyneside. It also links Newcastle and Gateshead, so we'd be stuck without it!

Date:



Queen Elizabeth II Bridge, over the River Tyne

M Nearest Metro station:
Central Station

Opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 1981, this bridge carries Metro between Newcastle and Gateshead. The two sections were built from each bank at the same time and eventually met in the centre. Bet that was tricky!

Date:



Ouseburn Farm

M Nearest Metro station:
Manors

This child-friendly farm is filled with animals including rabbits, goats, pigs, tortoises, chinchillas and sheep. You can even get up close and make friends with them. Baaaaa-rillicant!

Date:



**The boat on the Ouse at Seven Stories:
The National Centre for Children's Books**

M Nearest Metro station:
Manors or Byker

Seven Stories has its very own 'junk boat' moored alongside it called 'Sea Song Sang'. It was built specially for the opening by artist and boatbuilder, Andy Comley, in 2005.

Date:



Pets Corner, Jesmond Dene

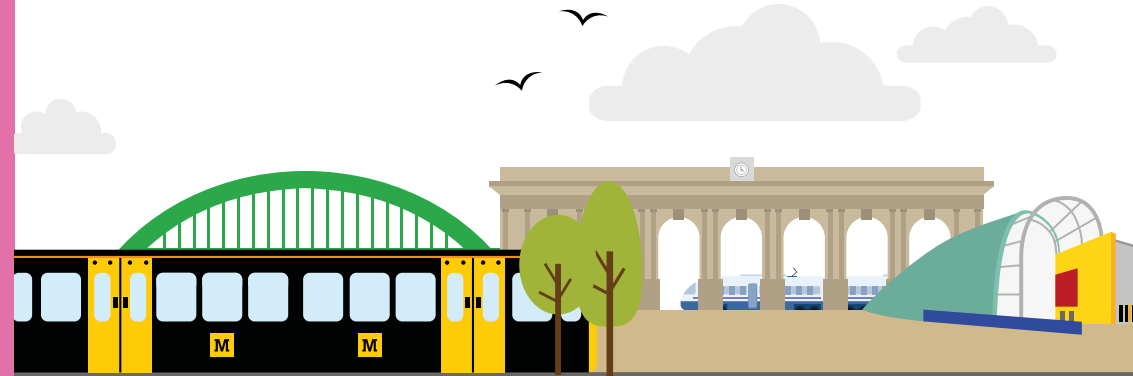
M Nearest Metro station:
Jesmond or West Jesmond

Find animals of all shapes and sizes, including alpacas, pot-bellied pigs, goats and sheep alongside rabbits and colourful birds, and much more. You're sure to make a furry friend!

Date:

Win some more points with these bonus questions.

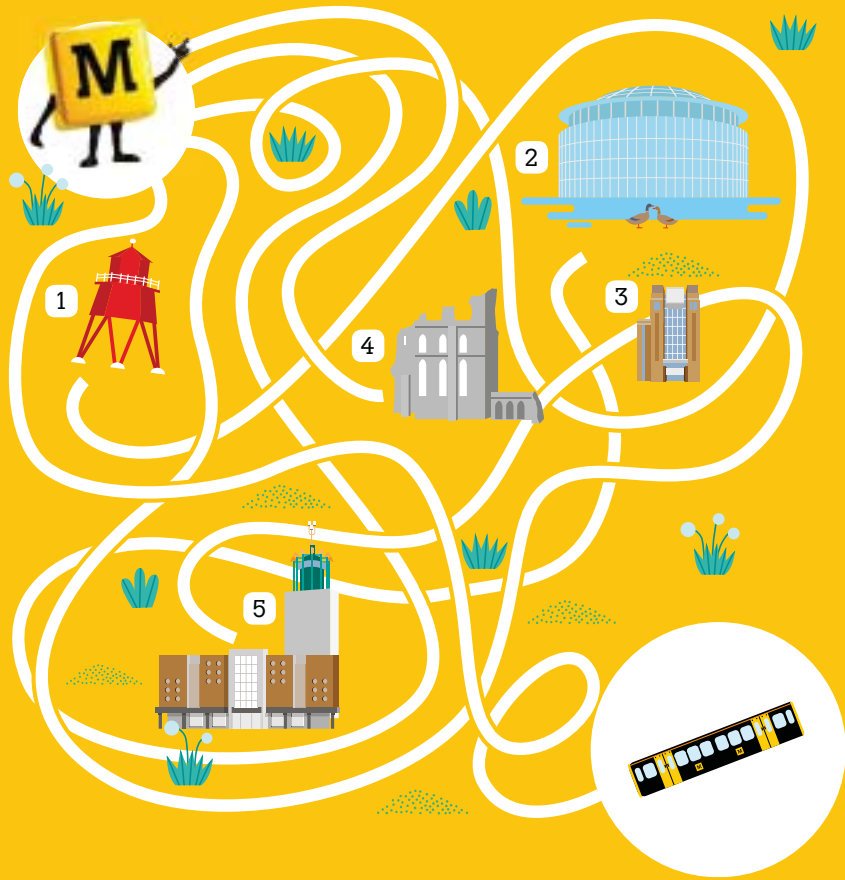
1. How many metres tall is the dinosaur at Great North Museum?
2. How many Chinese lions are found at the foot of the arch leading to Chinatown?
3. What hot drink is named after Charles Grey?
4. How many bridges cross the River Tyne?



Answers: 1. 4.9 metres. 2. Two. 3. Earl Grey tea. 4. Seven.

Can you help Metro?

Find the quickest way for Metro to get back to the train.



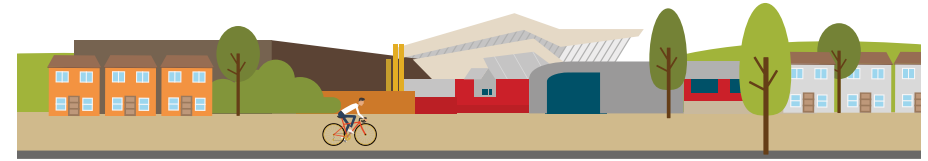
For bonus points, can you name the five buildings above?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Answers: 1. Herd Grove Lighthouse. 2. Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens. 3. BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art. 4. Tynemouth Castle and Priory. 5. Newcastle Civic Centre.

Gateshead

Gateshead is well known for its urban architecture and art. It includes the Millennium Bridge, The Sage Gateshead, the Angel of the North and BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art. How much of it can you find?



'Nocturnal Landscape', Gateshead Metro station, ticket concourse

M Nearest Metro station:
Gateshead

Keith Grant's mosaics were the first public art in Gateshead, installed in 1982. 'Nocturnal Landscape' reflects the landscape of the North East and its historical connections to Norway.

Date:



'Night & Day', Gateshead Metro station

M Nearest Metro station:
Gateshead

Shown here is 'Day' from a two-part mosaic by Keith Grant. 'Night' is also at this station – can you spot it? They represent the transport system during the 24 hours of each day.

Date:

Halo, Trinity Square, Gateshead

M Nearest Metro station:
Gateshead

This gravity-defying sculpture is a 27-foot loop of steel pillows. At night time, it's illuminated by colour-changing fibre-optic lights. Wow.

Date:



'Sports Day', West Street, Gateshead

M Nearest Metro station:
Gateshead

The 4-metre-high sculpture of reinforced, painted concrete was made on site by Mike Winstone. His figure is competing in a sack race, just like on school sports day!

Date:

James Hill Monument, Bottle Bank, Gateshead

M Nearest Metro station:
Gateshead

This sculpture celebrates the life of James Hill, a 19th century fiddle player who lived in Gateshead most of his life. It's carved from Blaxter stone (the same stone used to build the Tyne Bridge wall).

Date:



'Beacons', Gateshead Quays

M Nearest Metro station:
Gateshead

See if you can spot these two 6-metre-high beacons. They're blue and amber, with different steel bases and bright tips. The beacons glow at night and guide people to the area.

Date:

'Hell and Heaven' stairwell, BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art

M Nearest Metro station:
Gateshead

In 2012, artist Mark Wallinger created a never-ending staircase by placing mirrors at the top and bottom of the stairwell. It creates an illusion that your journey is endless.

Date:



Millennium Bridge

M Nearest Metro station:
Gateshead

The Gateshead Millennium Bridge is one of Newcastle Gateshead's iconic landmarks. It's the world's first ever tilt bridge and is lit up in bright colours at night.

Date:

Bill Quay Farm, Hainingwood Terrace

M Nearest Metro station:
Pelaw

This community farm is also a charity. It's home to pigs, sheep, goats, and they recently developed a mammal area with chinchillas, Chinese hamsters, rabbits and much more.

Date:



Win some more points with these bonus questions.

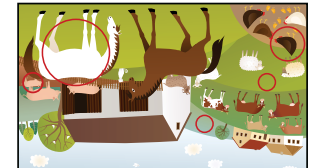
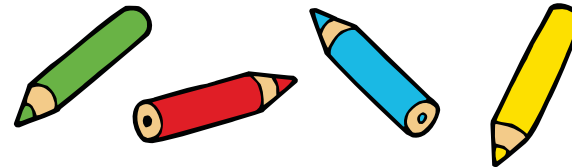
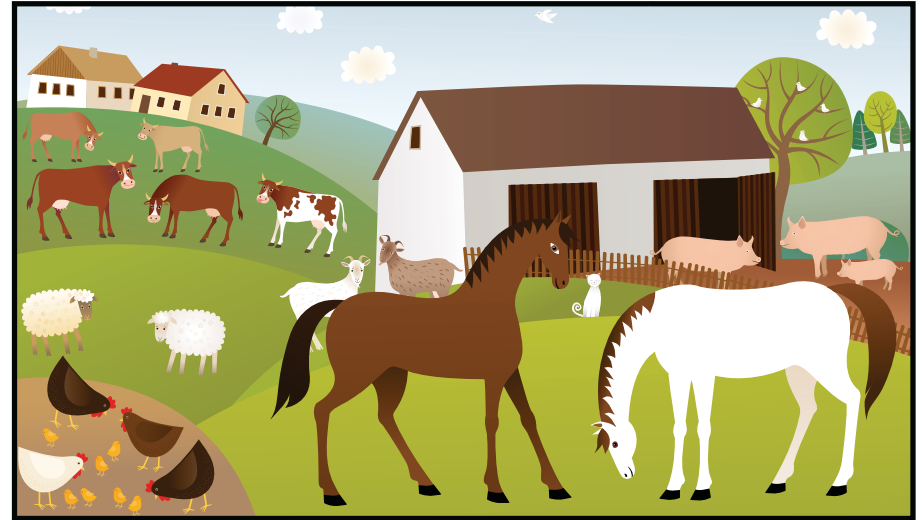
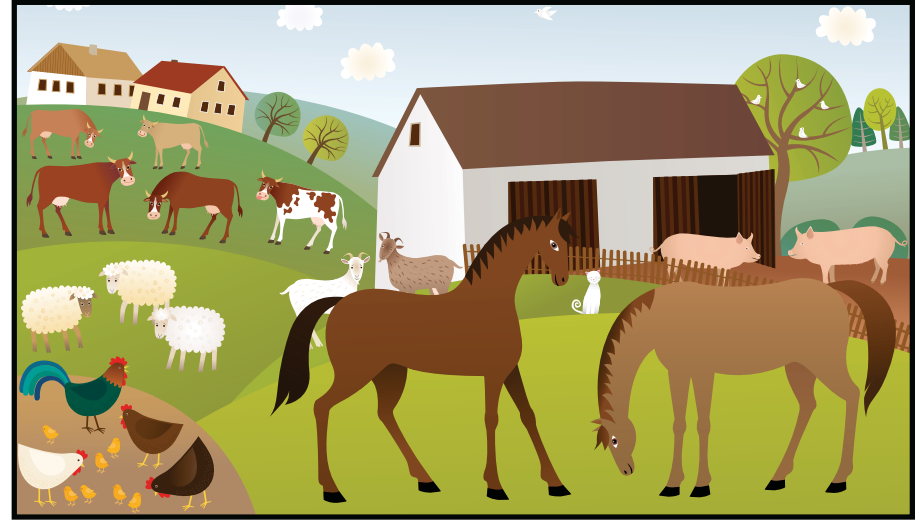
1. What famous bridge crosses the River Tyne from the Baltic to Newcastle?
2. What year was Keith Grant's 'Nocturnal Landscape' installed at Gateshead Metro station?
3. The James Hill Monument is in the shape of what type of instrument?
4. What shape is the artwork called Halo at Trinity Square, Gateshead?



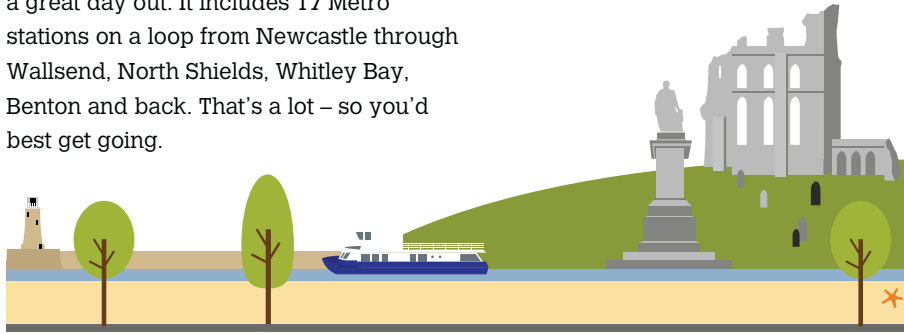
Answers: 1. Gateshead Millennium Bridge. 2. 1982
3. Fiddle. 4. A circle.

Spot the difference

Can you spot the 5 differences between the two pictures?



Award-winning beaches and fun family attractions make exploring North Tyneside a great day out. It includes 17 Metro stations on a loop from Newcastle through Wallsend, North Shields, Whitley Bay, Benton and back. That's a lot – so you'd best get going.



'Passing', entrance hall to Whitley Bay Metro station platform 2

M Nearest Metro station:
Whitley Bay

This mosaic shows the passing of time through the image of a young family. The end panels show them on a day trip to the beach. Do you think they're having fun?

Date:

The Watch House, Cullercoats

M Nearest Metro station:
Cullercoats

This historic Grade II listed building is one of the most important buildings in Cullercoats. It was used by the Cullercoats Volunteer Life Brigade and officially opened in 1879.

Date:



Tynemouth Priory & Castle, Tynemouth

M Nearest Metro station:
Tynemouth

With fantastic views of the River Tyne and the North Sea, this is a great spot on the coast. Don't miss the beautiful 13th century chapel and restored gun battery.

Date:

The Clock Tower, Tynemouth Front Street, near the entrance of Tynemouth Priory

M Nearest Metro station:
Tynemouth

This Venetian Gothic style clock tower was built in 1861, designed by Oliver and Lamb of Newcastle. The clock tower is a Grade II listed building. What time is it when you find it?

Date: Time:



Collingwood Monument, Tynemouth

M Nearest Metro station:
Tynemouth

Lord Collingwood took command of the British Navy after the death of Admiral Lord Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar. Collingwood was born in Newcastle in 1748.

Date:



Tynemouth Boating Lake, Tynemouth

M Nearest Metro station:
Tynemouth

This Victorian boating lake is home to wildfowl as well as the model boat club. You can try a traditional rowing boat before cooling off with a refreshing drink at The Clock Tower Café.

Date:



Fish Quay, North Shields

M Nearest Metro station:
North Shields

In 1225, the fish quay was a village of shielings (fisherman's huts) and that's how North Shields got its name. There's still a fish market here and lots going on. Watch out for Clifford's Fort.

Date:



Buoys, Fish Quay, North Shields

M Nearest Metro station:
North Shields

These reclaimed marine buoys are part of North Tyneside Council's public art programme. They act as waypoints for cyclists peddling along the Fish Quay.

Date:



The Lightning Clock, Royal Quays

M Nearest Metro station:
Percy Main or Meadow Well

This 30-foot piece of art is a 'living sculpture' featuring two big copper balls and meteorological instruments; they show the temperature, wind speed, wind direction and air pressure.

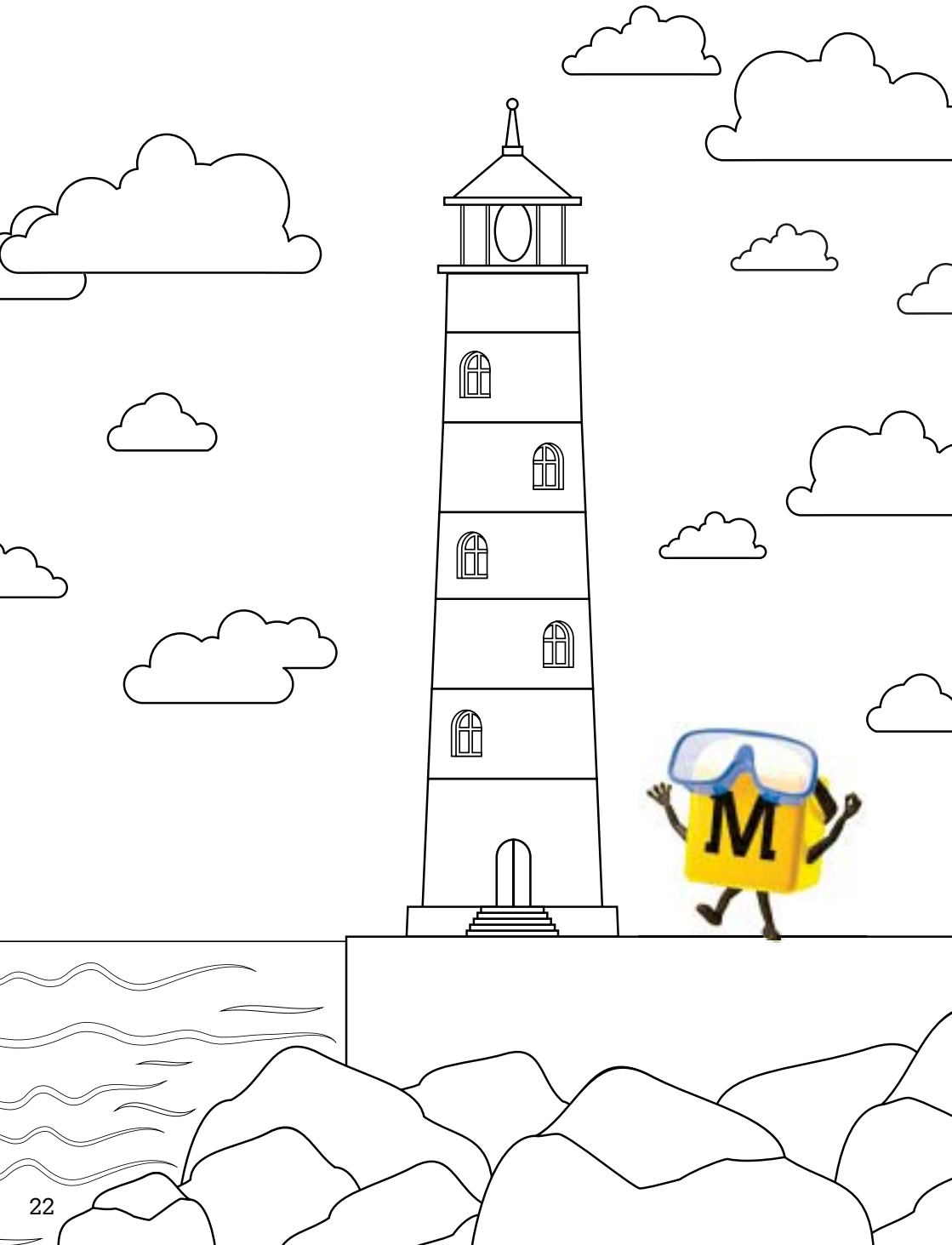
Date:

Win some more points with these bonus questions.

1. What is the Tynemouth Boating Lake home to?
2. At Royal Quays, on the left hand side, what's on top of the Lightning Clock's big copper ball?
3. How did the Fish Quay get its name?
4. How many cannons are there on Lord Collingwood's monument?



Answers: 1. Wildfowl / the model boating club. 2. A man / weatherman. 3. It was a village of shielings. 4. Four.



Over the centuries, Sunderland grew as a port – it traded coal and salt, and also became known for its shipbuilding industry.



Roker and Seaburn beaches

M Nearest Metro station:
Stadium of Light or Seaburn

These award-winning beaches are the perfect place to unwind. They play host to Sunderland International Airshow, the biggest free Airshow in Europe. It takes place each summer – usually in July.

Date:

Roker Pier and Lighthouse

M Nearest Metro station:
Stadium of Light

This Grade II listed pier and its lighthouse took 18 years and 9 days to build. Roker Pier is 609 metres long – that's roughly the length of 47 humpback whales.

Date:



Statue of Bob Stokoe, Stadium of Light

M Nearest Metro station:
St Peter's or Stadium of Light

This statue of legendary manager, Bob Stokoe, stands outside the home of Sunderland AFC. The famous figure celebrates the Black Cats' historic 1-0 win over Leeds United in the 1973 FA Cup Final.

Date:



Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens

M Nearest Metro station:
Sunderland

Can you believe the gardens here contain over 2000 plants and flowers? The museum is also home to an amazing collection of objects dating back to 1846 such as the first Nissan car from their Sunderland factory.

Date:



The bandstand in Mowbray Park

M Nearest Metro station:
Sunderland

Mowbray Park is one of the oldest parks in the North East. The bandstand is a replica of the original Victorian bandstand that was removed during the war to make weapons.

Date:



'Propellers of the City', Keel Square

M Nearest Metro station:
Sunderland

This interactive sculpture is 3.5 metres high, and it includes photographs of 400 local people who worked in the shipyards. Maybe there's someone you know?

Date:

Sunderland Minster

M Nearest Metro station:
Sunderland or Park Lane

The Minster is a famous part of Sunderland's heritage. Dating back to around 940AD, the church only became a 'minster' when Sunderland was granted city status in 1992.

Date:



'Platform 5', platform level, Sunderland Metro station

M Nearest Metro station:
Sunderland

This art installation won a National Design Award. It covers a disused platform. A glass block wall and a video matrix show ghostly characters appearing behind the wall.

Date:

'Found', East Wall, platforms 1 and 2, Sunderland Metro station

M Nearest Metro station:
Sunderland

These 41 photographic images show items handed in to the lost property office after being found on the Metro.

Date:



Win some more points with these bonus questions.

1. What is the nickname of Sunderland AFC?
2. What is the name of the famous 'King of the Jungle' in Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens?
3. The statue of which tusked sea animal is found guarding the pond in Mowbray Park?
4. In July, what do people go to see flying through the air at Roker and Seaburn beaches?



Answers: 1. The Black Cats. 2. Wallace the Lion.
3. A Walrus. 4. Planes.

Word search



Find the words relating to attractions around Tyne and Wear.
They can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

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h	l	t	u	x	c	a	s	t	l	e	i	o	p

monument
lighthouse
bridge
Metro

ferry
castle
windmill
cave

statue
quay
museum

tower
memorial



The coastal and riverside town of South Shields sits at the mouth of the River Tyne. It was once the site of a Roman fort as well as a Saxon monastery. With its rich maritime history — it's a great place to learn about the past.



'The Spirit of the Tyne' and 'The Pride of the Tyne' Shields ferries

M Nearest Metro station:
South Shields

There are two boats that carry people across the water between South Shields and North Shields: 'The Spirit of The Tyne (1993)' and 'The Pride of the Tyne (2007)'.

Date:

Landing Lights, South Shields ferry landing

M Nearest Metro station:
South Shields

'Landing Lights' was created by artist Martin Richman in 1999. It's a type of art known as 'lightwork' and acts as the actual ferry landing.

Date:



Merchant Navy Memorial, Mill Dam Custom House Centre

M Nearest Metro station:
South Shields

This statue honours the seamen who sailed from South Shields Port and lost their lives in World War II. Its sloping base is designed to represent a ship's deck in choppy seas.

Date:

'Telescopes' at The Word

M Nearest Metro station:
South Shields

The Word is The National Centre for the Written Word. In it, you'll find a media wall, interactive touch-tables, over 70,000 books and several viewing telescopes that give amazing views. Take a look!

Date:



Lifeboat, Haven point

M Nearest Metro station:
South Shields

This trusty lifeboat served the town and the Tyne for more than 60 years and saved over 1,000 lives during its time. It now lives on the seafront as a reminder of the bravery of the men of the Tyne Lifeboat Institution.

Date:

'Sail', Littlehaven Promenade

M Nearest Metro station:
South Shields

Artist Stephen Broadbent created 'Sail' and 'Eye' in April 2014. 'Sail' can be found at the southern end of the seafront near Haven Point. Can you find it?

Date:



'Eye', Littlehaven Promenade

M Nearest Metro station:
South Shields

'Eye' is made of concrete and weighs 18 tons. It sits looking out to the North Sea and is engraved with words from an old sea shanty called 'Blow The Wind Southerly'.

Date:



Herd Groyne Lighthouse

M Nearest Metro station:
South Shields

Also known as 'The Groyne', this unusual lighthouse looks like a spaceship and stands 13 metres high. Its light is visible for 19 miles and helps guide ships into the Port of Tyne.

Date:



'Conversation Piece', Littlehaven Beach

M Nearest Metro station:
South Shields

This work of art is known locally as 'The Weebles'. The 22 figures were created by Spanish sculptor, Juan Munoz. Each one is life-size and weighs approximately a quarter of a ton!

Date:

Win some more points with these bonus questions.

1. What colour is the famous Herd Groyne Lighthouse?
2. What year was the Landing Lights created?
3. How many boats carry people across the water between South Shields and North Shields?
4. How many lives did the Tyne Lifeboat save during its time?



Answers: 1. Red. 2. 1999.
3. Two. 4. Over 1,000.

Metro's magic numbers

Thousands of people use Metro every day. And these big numbers are even more amazing.

17,000km

The total distance Metro trains cover every day, further than from Newcastle, England to Newcastle, South Australia.



1,500



volts of dc power supply to Metro cars

20 hours

a day Metro operates, from 5am to just before 1am

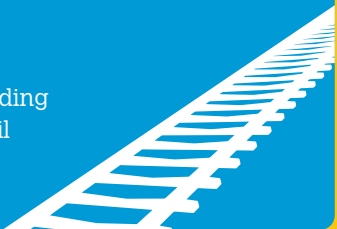
3 visits by the queen

Officially opening Metro in 1981, opening the Sunderland line in 2002, and arriving at Stadium of Light station by Royal Train in 2009.



77.5km

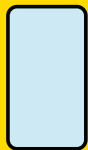
of route track, including shared Network Rail lines to Sunderland



from Airport to Newcastle city centre – the shortest journey of its kind in Britain

10,500

glass bricks in the unique Platform 5 artwork at Sunderland station



240k

The amount of times every Metro car door opens and shuts in a year



Where has your Metro stopped today?

- Airport
- Bank Foot
- Bede
- Benton
- Brockley Whins
- Byker
- Callerton Parkway
- Central Station
- Chichester
- Chillingham Road
- Cullercoats
- East Boldon
- Fawdon
- Fellgate
- Felling
- Four Lane Ends
- Gateshead
- Gateshead Stadium
- Hadrian Road
- Haymarket
- Hebburn
- Heworth
- Howdon
- Ilford Road
- Jarrow
- Jesmond
- Kingston Park
- Longbenton
- Manors
- Meadow Well
- Millfield
- Monkseaton
- Monument
- North Shields
- Northumberland Park
- Pallion
- Palmersville
- Park Lane
- Pelaw
- Percy Main
- Regent Centre
- Seaburn
- Shiremoor
- Simonside
- South Gosforth
- South Hylton
- South Shields
- St James
- St Peter's
- Stadium of Light
- Sunderland
- Tyne Dock
- Tynemouth
- University
- Walkergate
- Wallsend
- Wansbeck Road
- West Jesmond
- West Monkseaton
- Whitley Bay



Have we missed something cool?

If you've spotted something interesting when you've been out and about, draw a picture of it and write a few lines describing it.



Name:



Nearest Metro station:

Description:



Date:

Name:



Nearest Metro station:

Description:



Date:



Best spotter on the Metro

This is to certify that

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has completed **'Metro's little book
of things to see'** and is now officially
brilliant at spotting things.

Date completed:



