

## The Tube – Glossary

**alternative** adjective [only before noun]  
different from something else and able to be used instead of it  
*Alternative methods of getting there will be investigated.*

**complain** verb [transitive/intransitive]  
to say that you are not satisfied with something  
*She complained that she never had any time to herself.*

**complaint** noun [countable/uncountable]  
a written or spoken statement in which someone says they are not satisfied with something  
*I intend to make a complaint.*

**delay** noun [countable]  
a situation in which a plane, train, etc. leaves or arrives late  
*After a long delay, the plane finally took off.*

**fame** noun [uncountable]  
the state of being famous  
*Kundera achieved international fame while banned in his own country.*

**gap** noun [countable]  
a space or opening in the middle of something or between things  
*Fill in any gaps around windows and doors.*

**grumble** verb [intransitive]  
to complain, especially continuously and about unimportant things  
*Children always grumble about school food.*

**infrastructure** noun [countable/uncountable]  
the set of systems within a place or organization that affect how well it operates, for example the telephone and transport systems in a country

**line** noun [countable]  
a part of a railway system  
*There are plans to reopen the train line.*

**loudspeaker** noun [countable]  
a piece of electrical equipment that allows sounds or voices to be heard loudly at a distance

**maintenance** noun [uncountable]  
work that is done to keep a building, machine, or piece of equipment repaired and in good condition  
*the aircraft maintenance crew*

**multicolored** adjective  
consisting of many different colors  
*a multicolored dress*

**network** noun [countable]  
a system of lines or similar things such as roads or wires that are connected to each other  
*The interstate network links all the major cities.*

**poster** noun [countable]  
a large printed notice or picture that you put on a wall for decoration or to announce or advertise something  
*a poster of his favorite rock star*

**ridiculous** adjective  
silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at  
*a ridiculous idea*

**run** verb [intransitive]  
**1** if a bus, train, etc. runs, it travels somewhere at regular times  
*The train only runs on the weekend.*  
**2** to control and organize something such as a business, organization, or event  
*Sue's been running a mail-order business for years.*

**sign** noun [countable]  
a flat object with words or pictures on it, put in a public place to provide information or advertise something  
*The store had a "closed" sign in the window.*

**tourist attraction** noun [countable]  
a place to visit that is very popular with tourists

**track** noun [countable/uncountable]  
a railway line  
*a railroad/train track*

