



## Elizabeth Line to Open

### Did You Know...?

- The **Jubilee** line on the Underground was named in honour of The Queen's Silver Jubilee.
- This happened back in 1977 when The Queen had been on the throne for 25 years.

A brand-new railway line named the Elizabeth line is opening on 24<sup>th</sup> May in London in honour of The Queen.

The line is opening for the Platinum Jubilee year. This means that The Queen has spent 70 years on the **throne**.

There is only one section of the line currently opening from Paddington to Abbey Wood. This will connect parts of the South East of the city to the centre.

This section of line will run 12 trains an hour through underground tunnels.

Once the whole of the network is completed, the service will stop at 41 different stations. It will also serve an **estimated** 200 million passengers every year.

Most of the Elizabeth line will run overground but there will be a 13-mile stretch that runs underground. The whole of the line will stretch for over 100km.

To mark the opening, The Queen made a surprise visit to Paddington ahead of the opening of the line.

While she was there, she was shown the new line and was even shown how to buy a ticket using the machines.

The new Elizabeth line will be shown on London Underground maps in Royal



Photo: A train passing by.

purple and will be a double line rather than a single. This is to show that it is a railway and not a part of the London Underground network.

So, if you are ever in London and using the trains, make sure to look out for the new Elizabeth line.

### Glossary

**jubilee** A special anniversary.

**throne** A special chair where a king queen sits to represent that they are in charge.

**estimate** A sensible guess based on evidence.

### Reflect

What would you like to be named after you? Why?

# Questions

1. What station did The Queen visit?

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2. Tick to show whether the statement is true or false according to the article.

	True	False
The Jubilee line was named for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Elizabeth line will be shown in Royal Purple on maps.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Elizabeth line will be mainly underground.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Elizabeth line will open on 24 <sup>th</sup> May.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Why do you think The Queen visited the line. Explain your answer?

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4. Summarise the key information from the story in 20 words or fewer.

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