



## How To Be British

### MIND THE GAP

Ex 1. Make sure you understand the words below. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean or try to guess from context.

**TO EVOKE  
GLORY  
ROMANCE  
TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH  
TO PLUNGE  
CAPITA;  
ESCALATOR  
GLEAMING**

**TO REMIND  
OVERSEAS VISITOR  
COMPULSORY  
LAUGHTER  
SUDDEN  
MIND  
TO TEAM WITH QUESTIONS  
ADVERTISEMENTS**

Ex 2. Read the text below and answer the true or false questions:

The Tube is easy to use.

2. The Tube's tunnels are 253 km long.

3. People on the Tube are friendly.

4. Foreigners who travel on the Tube are usually confused.

5. There are many advertisements on the Tube.

#### **Mind the gap**

The London Underground is full of romance: the names of the stations alone evoke the glories of English history and legend: Knightsbridge, Baker Street, Marble Arch, Angel, Temple, Swiss Cottage, Arnos Grove, Turnham Green... Take a deep breath and plunge far below the streets of the capital city by escalator or gleaming lift into the 253 miles of windy tunnels that make up the 'Tube'. Once aboard a train, the overseas visitor is reminded that silence is compulsory and that loud conversation or laughter may cause the train to come to a sudden stop. As you sit waiting in the dark, your mind will be teeming with questions: "Should I have changed at Gloucester Road? How will I read all the advertisements? How do you pronounce 'Marylebone'? What if I fall asleep and wake up at Cockfosters?"

#### **Expressions to learn**

Is this where I alight for the Brompton Oratory?

I need a southbound Northern Line service, Waterloo branch.

#### **Avoid saying**

Single to Manchester, please.

Porter!