

The United Kingdom, made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, is an island nation in north-western Europe. The capital city of England is London. London is home to lots of train stations. Can you name any? Why do we need train stations now and in the past?

PADDINGTON

Flying Scotsman was originally built in Doncaster for the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER), emerging from the works on 24 February 1923 and initially numbered 1472. It was designed by Sir Nigel Gresley as part of the A1 class – the most powerful locomotives used by the railway.



Paddington station is a very famous train station in London. But who first invented trains? The first full-scale working **railway** steam locomotive was built in the United Kingdom in 1804 by Richard Trevithick, a British engineer born in Cornwall.



London, the capital of England and the United Kingdom, is a 21st-century city with history stretching back to Roman times. At its centre stand the imposing Houses of Parliament, the iconic 'Big Ben' clock tower and Westminster Abbey, site of British monarch coronations. Across the Thames River, the London Eye observation wheel provides panoramic views of the South Bank cultural complex, and the entire city.



Vocabulary	Meaning
Island	Land completely surrounded by water, and not large enough to be called a continent
Railroad	A permanent road laid with rails, commonly in one or more pairs of continuous lines forming a track or tracks, on which locomotives and cars are run for the transportation of passengers, freight, and mail.
Landmark	A building or other place that is of outstanding historical, aesthetic, or cultural importance, often declared as such and given a special status.
Skyline	The outline of something, as the buildings of a city, against the sky.
Capital	The city or town that is the official seat of government in a country.
Station	A stopping place for trains.