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You should spend about 20 minutes on the task.

The table below shows the information about the metro system in six cities. Write a report for a university lecturer describing the information shown below.

You should write at least 150 words.

City	Year	Length of Route (km)	Carrying Capacity per Year (million people)
London	1863	1100	548
Paris	1890	594	850
Tokyo	1904	149	1434
Washington D.C.	1921	114	70
Kyoto	1989	11	11
Los Angeles	2001	14	306

Sample (by Miles Smith)

The data presents us with a number of facts regarding the underground transportation systems of six urban centres. London was first to open an underground rail network in 1863, the others following at more or less regular intervals over a period of 140 years.

As well as being the first to open, London can also claim to have the longest route in existence, some 1100 km of track, its nearest rival Paris having approximately half this. Tokyo and Washington D. C. have approximately the same size networks, between 100 and 150 km, while Kyoto's and Los Angeles's underground systems are much shorter in length.

The length seems to have no direct bearing, however, on how many passengers can be accommodated. Although London's system is clearly the longest it does not carry as many people as Tokyo's, which can take more than 1434 million people annually, or about two and a half times as many people as the British capital. Los Angeles, on the other hand, has a capacity of 306 million people per annum, while only having a route of 14 km.