

Activity 1

Cut out the fact cards below and place them in chronological order to create a timeline showing the growth and changes of Great Britain's railway network.

1914 - 1923 During and after World War 1, the government took control of all Great Britain's railways.	1948 The Railways were nationalised (government controlled). The Big Four were merged together to form British Rail.	1994 - 1997 British Rail was privatised (sold off to different companies).
1807 The Oystermouth Railway was the first passenger carrying line using horses to pull carriages.	1700s - early 1800s Horses pulled mine carts along tracks in the coal mines.	1830 The Liverpool and Manchester Railway line opened.
1825 The Stockton to Darlington Railway was the first passenger carrying line using steam engines to pull carriages.	1840s Railway Mania! Lots of new railway companies were set up and new lines were built.	1923 Great Britain's 120 railway lines were grouped into 'The Big Four' (four main railway companies).

Activity 2

Locate the main cities on the railway lines and then mark the railway line on your Map of Great Britain. Remember to use a different colour or pattern for each railway line and write a key to show the different railway lines you have marked on your map.

Line	Some Main Stations
Liverpool to Manchester Railway Line	Liverpool, Rainhill, Manchester
East Coast Main Line (The Flying Scotsman Express Passenger Service)	London, Leeds, York, Darlington, Newcastle, Edinburgh
West Coast Main Line	London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow
Cross Country Route	Bristol, Birmingham, Sheffield, Leeds, York
Midland Main Line	London, Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds
Great Eastern Main Line	London, Ipswich, Norwich
Great Western Main Line	London, Bristol, Cardiff