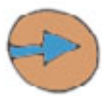
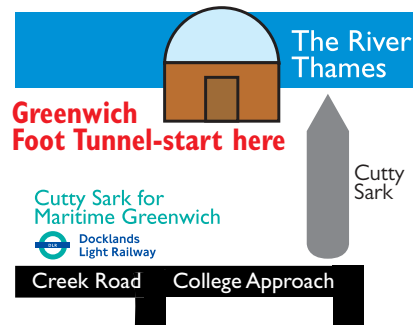


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The trail starts in Cutty Sark Gardens SE10 at the Greenwich entrance to the foot tunnel. Nearest train: Cutty Sark DLR.

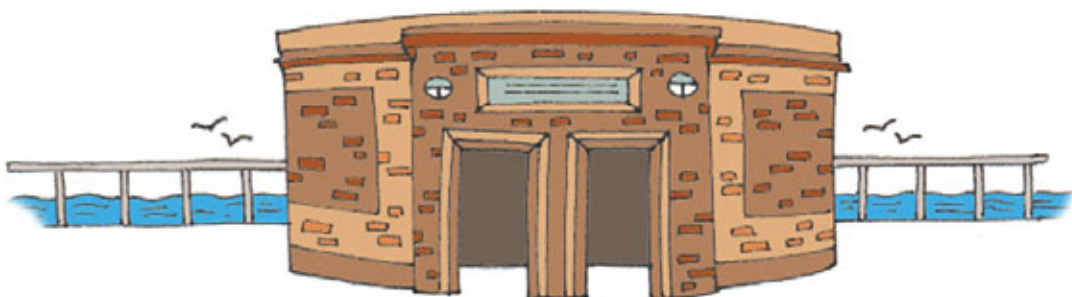


The trail should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

The foot tunnel allows people to cross under the Thames from the South side of the river to the north and back again. Two domed buildings, one on either side of the river, mark the entrances.



Draw the roof of the Greenwich entrance...



William Charles Copperthwaite explained that the tunnel was meant...  
'....to connect the working-class district by the Isle of Dogs, where housing is scarce, with the areas covered by workmen's dwellings on the South side of the river.'

**?** Why do you think the foot tunnel was built?  
(Clue: 'scarce' means rare and 'dwellings' means homes)

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**👁️** Read the plaque at the entrance to the foot tunnel.  
**?** Who was William Charles Copperthwaite?

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**?** When was the tunnel constructed?

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**👁️** Look at these pictures of the Isle of Dogs before 1900.



**?** What sort of work do you think people did here?

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Why do you think there wasn't much housing in this area at the start of the 20th century?

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Do you think this is the same today? Why?

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How do you think people got to the other side of the river before the foot tunnel was built?


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One way of crossing the river before the foot tunnel was built, was to catch a ferry. Look at this picture of the river around 1900:



 What do you think were the advantages and disadvantages of catching the ferry to work?

 Advantages	Disadvantages 



Now enter the foot tunnel!



How many steps do you think there are at this end? Count them as you go down.



As you go down the stairs what happens to the temperature? Why?

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## Start to walk through the tunnel!

? Why do you think there is a white line along the middle of the tunnel?

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Put a circle around the sounds you can hear in the tunnel...

shoes clattering    talking    laughter    voices echoing  
boats    shouts    whispering    water    animals

? What other sounds can you hear?

Write four adjectives to describe how you feel as you walk through the tunnel

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

## ! Tunnel facts!

The tunnel is lined with white glazed tiles. How many do you think there are? Draw a circle around your answer.

2,000

20,000

200,000

2,000,000


 How much do you think the tunnel cost to build?  
Draw a circle around your answer.

£127,000

£27,000

£1,270,000

£127


 How long do you think the tunnel is?  
Draw a circle around your answer. 1 foot = 30 cm

217 feet


17 feet


1,217 feet

12,710 feet

 You can check your answers on the plaque inside the lift at the end of the tunnel.


How many did you get right?

 Sometimes in the day this tunnel is only 33 feet under water....

 other times it is 53 feet under water! Why do you think this is?

Why not complete the picture on page ⑦ now?

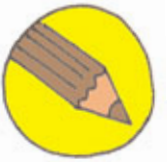
WALK to the end of the tunnel

 Do you think there are more or less steps to go out of the Isle of Dogs end? \_\_\_\_\_

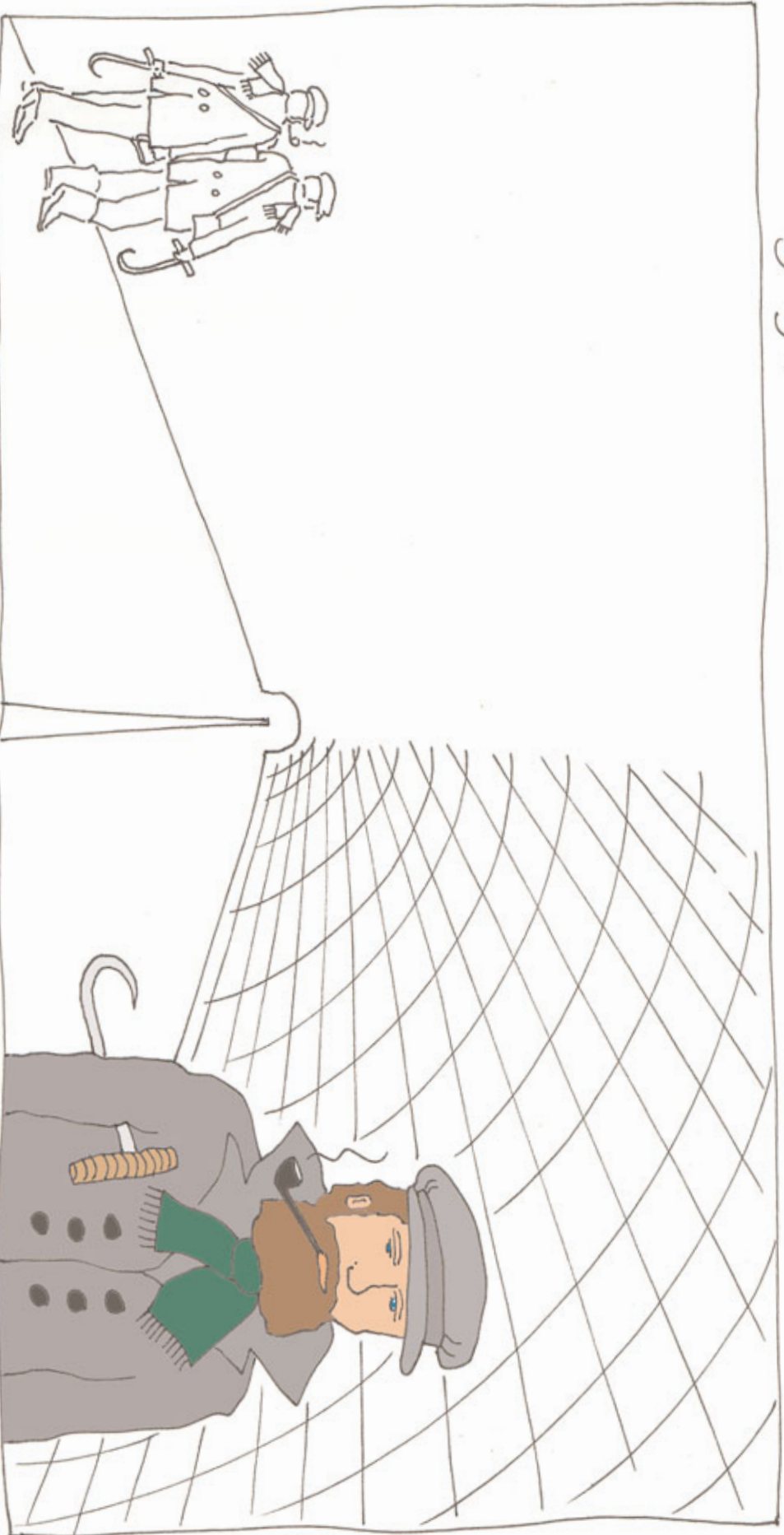
 Count them as you go up \_\_\_\_\_

 Which side has the most stairs? By how many?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Exit the tunnel, turn right and walk to the river edge.



Draw a picture of dockers using the tunnel in the early 1900s. Imagine it's early in the morning and there are so many dockers in the tunnel, walkers have to keep to the left. What might they be wearing or carrying?



Fill in the left hand side of the picture.....

Dockers need hooks to help them unload goods from ships.



Stand on the north side of the river.



Look back at Greenwich. Finish this famous painting of the Royal Naval College and the Queen's House:



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