

# I-SPY



# TYPES OF TUBE PASSENGER

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## Airlock Survivor

Doggedly clings to the pole rather than moving aside during a mass exodus of passengers. @quebectango

10 points



## Angry Man

(see also **Bowling Ball**, **The Bulldozer** & **The Rucksack**)

Rucksack on, stands by the door...will not move. Thinks the tube is for them only! @evertav

30 points



## The Angry Mother

Brings their kid with them and barks any time you step too close to them or their kid. @fashion\_shark

20 points



## The Armpit (see also Mr Fruity)

Has crippling body odour by 9am that only becomes more radiant by 5pm. Always holds handrail. @quebectango

5 points



## Articulated Twat

Anyone who feels the need to drag a child's satchel behind them on the end of a 5ft pole. @quebectango

20 points



## Mr Atlas (see also The Hijacker)

The bloke who keeps the closing tube doors open for his mates. @shadow\_head



15 points

## The Bailiff

Puts foot in doors, forcing the driver to reopen the doors to the chagrin of other passengers

@quebectango

15 points

## Buggy (see also The Bugaboo-mum)

Has huge overladen buggy. Surprised it's so busy at 5.15pm on a weekday. Child cries incessantly. @quebectango



35 points

## Mr Big Balls

Legs so wide he takes up three seats. @leendemeester

20 points

## The Bowling Ball

(see also Angry Man, The Bulldozer & The Rucksack)

Knocks down fellow passengers by spinning around whilst carrying an enormous back pack. @nrgb

15 points

## The Bugaboo-mum (see also Buggy)

Biggest pushchair possible telling you to move out of the way on a packed train. @OpsSM

10 points

## The Builder

During the morning rush hour, throws his bag of tools and bucket on to the train, and then himself. @thatsamiro

25 points



## The Bulger

A really fat person who underestimates how much of them is hanging over the next seat. @SarahBrading

20 points



## The Bulldozer

(see also Angry Man, The Bowling Ball & The Rucksack)

HUGE ruck-sack on back and keeps turning around for better position bashing everyone in his way.

@TerrenceTheCat



45 points



## The Claustrophobe

Pulls emergency alarm when train stops in tunnel between stations. @Nackywack

15 points



## The Comatose

No matter how crowded, hot, even if the train were to crash, nothing wakes him from his nap. @neilLodder

10 points



## The Contraflow

 (see also Funky Chicken - nemesis)

Barges on as soon as the doors open with flagrant disregard for people trying to get off. @quebectango

35 points



## Cuckoo Clock

Loudly abuses others until doors close and then has to ride silently beside them for several stops @quebectango

20 points



## The Crusty

You grab only spare seat, then realise it's next to dirty, smelly person with very long yellow fingernails @alranson

5 points



## The Dam

Stands at intersection between aisle and door area, preventing movement down carriage. Normally has large bag. @quebectango

50 points



## The Departed

Come in pairs. Separated by closing doors. Frantic gesticulating and mouthing as train leaves. @quebectango

5 points



## The Domino Effect (see also The Mule)

Instantly stops at the end of the escalator, blissfully unaware of everyone falling over behind. @titty\_biscuit

10 points



## The Earthsong

Summer visitor. Clutches bars either side of carriage end window and feels the breeze. @seany85

10 points



## Escalator lothario

Scans the crowd going the other way for 'fitties', praying love hasn't passed them by. @InLondonGuide



20 points



## The Extendor3000

People who use their copy of the @MetroUK to gain more space. Long-sighted or not. @tube\_boob

5 points



## Mr Fruity (see also The Armpit)

Often found in summer months reaking of BO. @nrgb

20 points



## The Funky Chicken

(see also The Contraflow - nemesis)

Natural foe of the Contraflow. Spots one early, elbows out, forced exit. @seany85

5 points



## The Gandalf

Foreign-type who stops dead to study the station list, eg “You. Shall not. Pass!” @CaptainCape

10 points



## The Greyhound

Stands with nose in crack of the door(s). Darts out as soon as physically able. @quebectango

10 points



## The Heart Attack

Someone who is far more stressed out than anyone else, which gets them nowhere fast. @tube\_boob



20 points



**The Hijacker** (see also Mr Atlas)

Holds doors to prevent train from leaving whilst his mate's next door buying a coffee. @Nackywack

25 points



**The Incredulous**

Asks you where train is going, doesn't believe your answer, moves down carriage and asks someone else @alranson

25 points



**The Ivy** (see also The Marker)

The creepy one that presses up against you when there is no one else in the carriage standing up. @kemaha

5 points



**Jack Horner**

Slips into side of doorway and becomes one with the corner. Nothing will move them. Nothing! @quebectango

10 points



**Juggernaut**

Lone traveller with 2 oversized suitcases blocking door and aisle. Prefers Victoria line. @quebectango

25 points



**The Junkie**

"Sorry" to disturb us but needs to get £15 to sleep tonight, NOT using it for booze. Also a Nike wearer. @Horatio\_Tolatop



15 points



## **lastminute.com**

Waits for doors to start closing before realising its their stop @MadAddick

5 points



## **The Leaner**

Leans on the vertical grab rails meaning no one else can hold on comfortably. @fionapugh

5 points



## **The Limpet**

Steps on and immediately turns round to be as close to the door as possible. Clings to glass.

@quebectango

5 points



## **The Lone Ranger**

The one person to be found waiting at that furthest end of the platform. Usually wandering in circles. @seany85

5 points



## **Lost in Translation**

Speaks good enough English to ask directions but can't read "Stand on the right" signs. @quebectango

20 points



## **The McVoyager**

Takes brown paper bag everywhere. Leaves half empty McFanta behind to spill over. @raynor9uk



25 points



**The Marker** (see also *The Ivy*)

Stands right next to you despite room. Probably will masturbate onto your coat while you're not looking.

@titty\_biscuit

5 points



**The Mule** (see also *The Domino Effect*)

Stops suddenly to extend bag handle/realign genitals on exiting train/ bottom or top of escalator. @quebectango

15 points



**The Noise**

Sits next to you eating loudly and makes you want to knock their teeth out. @MadAddick

10 points



**The Optimist - Type 1**

Thinks I won't ask him to move his bag, phone and coffee off the seat of a rush hour train. @fionapugh

15 points



**The Optimist - Type 2**

Tubby gent who applies self to jammed tube carriage and embarrassingly bounces back onto the platform. @alranson

20 points



**The Outsider**

Non-regular, stands out a mile. Nervous disposition, constantly checking the map, and other passengers.

@tube\_boob



10 points



## Prime Berk - Type 1

Middle-aged, huffs when someone brushes against his newspaper in very crowded carriages. @AndyBruceBruce

25 points



## Prime Berk - Type 2

Sneers at driver and taps wristwatch as train pulls in to platform. @Nackywack

35 points



## The Parisian Tourist

Swears and shrugs in French as his “phone doesn’t work in Le Tube like in Paris!”

@Horatio\_Tolatop

10 points



## The Phantom Farter

Yes, that’s you. You know it. We know it.....well smelt it!!

@nrg-b

5 points



## Runt

Dashes from door to door trying to get onto train then has to wait a whole minute for the next one. @quebectango

20 points



## The Rucksack (see also Angry Man, Bowling Ball & The Bulldozer)

Looks like he’s on his way to climb Everest. Boards rush hr trains. Never takes it off. @ChelsJack68



10 points



## Safety In Numbers

Large groups of teens/schoolkids/tourists/hen parties, generally raucous with disregard for others. @tube\_boob

25 points



## The Seductress

Young woman in sexy outfit strikes a pose in attempt to unnerve driver as train pulls in. @Nackywack



5 points



## The Shoehorn (see also The Squasher)

Person who contorts body, to get on an overcrowded train. @shadow\_head

5 points



## The Smug

The person who knows exactly where to stand on the platform, to be aligned with the doors. @shadow\_head

10 points



## Space Invader

Yes, you are their newspaper rest. @kemaha

25 points



## Sport Bag Bullshitter

Bag says “Elite Athletes Squad” but overly pronounced pinstripes on suit scream “wanker”. @TF\_al

5 points



**The Squasher** (see also The Shoehorn)  
Someone who sees there is no space for anyone else but still tries to squeeze into a tiny gap. @Scissorsboi

10 points



**The Surfer**  
Someone who reckons they don't need to hold on ... until they fall over  
@nrngb & @SarahBrading



5 points



**The Tannoy**  
Wear white earphones that bleed enough sound for everyone to appreciate their eclectic music taste.  
@quebectango

15 points



**The Thrill Seeker**  
Train sits on platform for ages, he decides to jump on just as the doors start to close. @Nackywack

15 points



**The Tourist**  
Can't decide whether to get on or not, just stands on the platform staring at the damn thing. @Nackywack

50 points



**The Tube Boober**  
Someone who is visibly shaking with laughter as they read their @tube\_boob twitter timeline. @nrngb

25 points



## The Unnerving One

Turns sideways, sits with their back to the glass, and stares at the side of your face. @staceyosw

5 points



## The Village Idiot

Stands on the wrong side of the escalator when I'm in a bloody hurry.

@MrClivalicious

10 points



## The Watcher (Note: looking for one may make you one)

They intensely watch each person around them oblivious to their intimidating effect. @nrgb



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