

# Roman roads



Answer the questions about Roman roads.

1. Tick the statements that are **true**.

The Romans built winding roads so that soldiers who used them often got ambushed by rebel tribes.

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Soldiers in the Roman army were excellent roadbuilders. They built over 50,000 miles of road across the whole of the Roman Empire.

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Roman roads were durable because they were made from several layers of hard-wearing materials.

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Most Roman roads were long and straight.

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Some Roman roads are still used today, but they have been resurfaced and renamed.

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Roman roads were not built to last, which is why none remain to this day.

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2. Draw a labelled diagram showing the cross-section of a Roman road.



**3.** Write three reasons for why the network of roads were so important to the Romans?

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**4.** Give two reasons why roads were important to local people.

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**2.** \_\_\_\_\_

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- Explain why the building of roads was both an invention and a great show of Roman ingenuity. You can discuss your ideas with a partner before writing your explanation.

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