



You'll Be Amazed!

10 Questions you must ask at the Isle of Wight Steam Railway

STUDENT INTRODUCTION

- ▶ The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is a working railway.
- ▶ It shows us what the steam era of rail was like on the Isle of Wight
- ▶ It represents the past of steam rail travel

What information can you find out when you visit?

To practise your spoken language skills, you need to ask questions of the staff at the railway:

- ✓ Can you work out whom to ask?
- ✓ Make sure you listen to their answers
- ✓ Make notes on what you find out
- ✓ You will be sharing your answers on return to school

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2. Why are most trains today electric?

3. How many people does it take to run this railway?

4. How long does it take to prepare a steam engine for use?

5. How old are the trains used today?

6. Why bother restoring old trains, why not just have new ones?



REMEMBER - the staff at Isle of Wight Steam Railway are very helpful!

Can you also find out?

7. Why don't the trains have toilets?

8. What is the signal box used for?



9. Why did many lines and stations close on the Isle of Wight?

10. How many stations did the Isle of Wight have in the past? (use the map to help you)

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