



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.
- ▶ The Isle of Wight Steam Railway represents the past of steam rail travel.

What information can you find out when you visit?

- ✓ To practise your speaking & listening skills, you need to ask questions of the volunteer staff at the railway
- ✓ Can you work out whom to ask?
- ✓ Can you listen to their answers?
- ✓ Can you 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 powered by electric?

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

4. How long does it take to prepare a steam train before passengers use it?

5. How old are the trains that are used at the Steam Railway today?



REMEMBER: The staff at the Steam Railway are very helpful!

Can you also find out the answers to these questions?

6. Why do people bother restoring old trains? Why not just have new ones?
7. Why do the trains not have toilets?
8. What is the signal box used for?



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

