

Writing to Review & Comment

STUDENT INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Now that you have visited the Isle of Wight Steam Railway, it's an ideal time to practise reviewing your experience.
- ▶ You are going to write a review about your experience of the railway
- ▶ Try to comment on the things you did and what you learned about steam!

Review Your Experience!

TASK

- ✓ Have a look at these extracts from review sites.
- ✓ Think about which is the best review, and why?

Note your ideas here:

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Review

The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is a top Island attraction to visit whether it is spring, summer or winter. The railway caters for all ages and there

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is plenty to see and do. I went with my cousins and aunt and uncle on the 'Santa Special', all children received a present plus a chocolate bar. Adults had a mince pie and mulled wine. I attend this event every year at Christmas and it never disappoints, plus it is very good value for money. All of the staff are friendly and welcoming. The restoration work on the locomotives, coaches and trucks is outstanding and the presentation of the stations is excellent. There are lots of new things to see at Haven Street such as the upgrade to the shop and museum. Highly recommended for all.

“Back in the day”

Reviewed 10 September 2012

Lovely people run this railway and make it a good experience for all ages and has good disabled access. There was free access to the lovely restored station at Havenstreet. A sheer joy.

“Pure nostalgia”

Reviewed 1 January 2012

Train trips, shop and cafe and special open days throughout the year.

“Excellent day out”

Reviewed 2 May 2008

I visited the Isle of Wight Steam Railway with my husband and two daughters and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. The trains are beautifully kept and in pristine condition. It was great fun to take a ride back in time and have the opportunity to savour the wonderful countryside as we travelled through it. The Museum was also very interesting and it was good to learn the history of Island railways, especially as you can follow this up by doing some of the wonderful walks along the old steam railway routes dotted all over the Island. There was also a lovely gift shop which I had to drag my daughters (not to mention my husband!!!) away from before they spent all their pocket money!!.. There was also a nice cafe to have lunch and the staff in general were very helpful and welcoming. All in all a fun and interesting day out for the whole family.

TASK

Plan some ideas on the next page for your own review of Isle of Wight Steam Railway!



Writing Your Review

What is the purpose of a review? Think about the audience, and what they want to get from a review. How will you structure your review and what comments will you make?

My audience:

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The purpose of the review is:

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My comments will be about:

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TASK

Now have a go at writing your own review! Plan it first – think about what it needs to contain.

