



**ISLE OF  
WIGHT  
STEAM  
RAILWAY**

**KS3 English**

**Spoken Language**

Asking questions, listening skills, recording and summarising information

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

### STUDENT INTRODUCTION

- ▶ The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is a working railway that shows us what the steam era of rail was like on the Isle of Wight
- ▶ It represents the past, and so also shows us what it was like in other areas of the country
- ▶ There are many interesting facts that you can find out whilst you are visiting

## You'll Be Amazed!

### WHAT IS THE TASK?

- ✓ To practise your speaking, listening, recording and summarising skills, you must take the opportunity to ask questions of the staff around the railway when you visit
- ✓ Listen to the answers and make notes on what you find out. You will be expected to share your discovery with the rest of the class when you return

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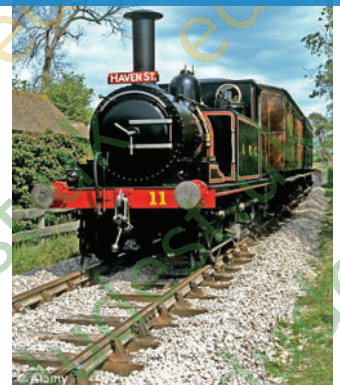
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### Questions

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(You may get several answers)

1. How does a steam train work?
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?



The railway staff are very helpful, knowledgeable and friendly!



Can you also find out the following information?

6. Why 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?

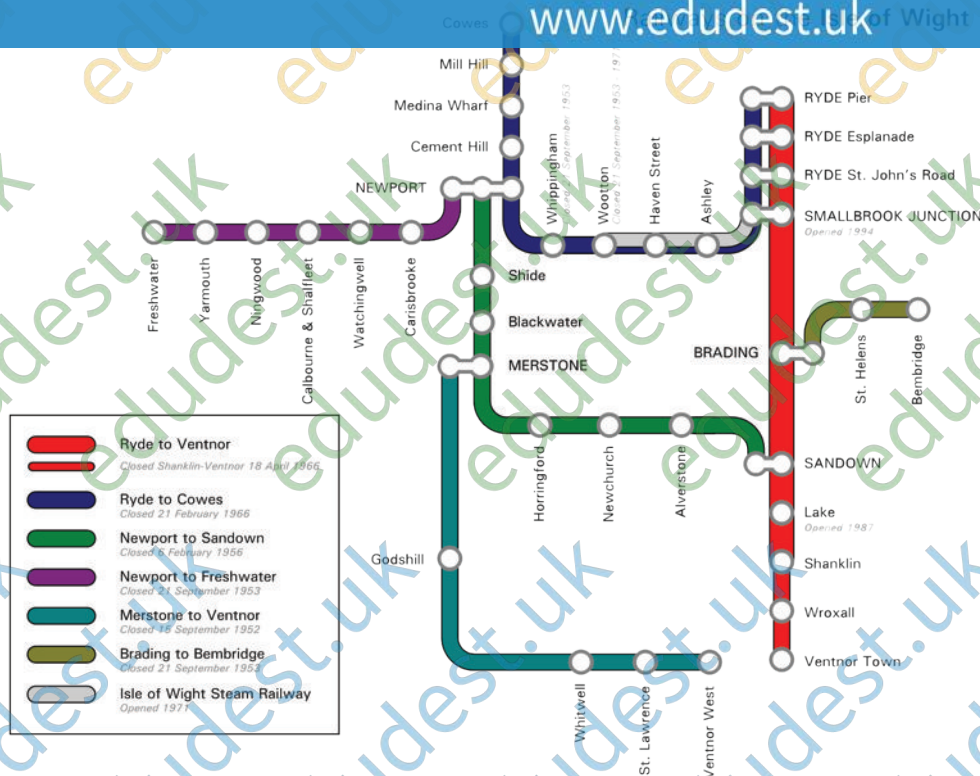


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10. Why did many lines and stations close on the Isle of Wight?

