

Comprehension of Information

STUDENT INTRODUCTION

- ▶ The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is a working railway.
- ▶ Information texts are produced that tell visitors about aspects of the railway.



READING TASK

- ✓ Have a look on the leaflet extract on page 2.
- ✓ Your task is to show an understanding of the information within the text.
- ✓ Read the leaflet extract thoroughly.
- ✓ Answer the questions below. Your teacher may require you to write on this sheet, or on paper.

Questions

1. What is a 'footplate'?

6. How long is the railway line?

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2. What does a 'regulator' do?

7. What are the names of the 4 stations on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway?

3. How many stations can you see on the map?

1.

2.

3.

4.

4. Name 2 of the stations you can on the map:

1.

2.

5. What are 'points' used for?

8. Name 4 of the native plants or animals you can find along the line in the woodland and countryside:

1.

2.

3.

4.



RECYCLING

You could say all our Island Railways have been recycled!

All of our locomotives, carriages and stations were once headed for the scrap heap, but were saved, rebuilt and restored to work again for the pleasure of our many visitors.



After

Railway Footplate

The cab of a steam locomotive where the driver and fireman work. It is like an 'armchair' for the driver and a bit like a 'kitchen' for the fireman.

Regalia

The lever that the driver uses to start the steam locomotive moving.

Sleeper

The length of wood which the rails sit on.

Fishplate

Small metal plates which join the rails together.

Points

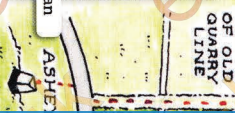
Where the rails cross and the signalman controls the other.



Guard



The Signalman



ASHLEY

COURSE OF OLD QUARRY LINE

The line which the railway used to run on before it was closed.

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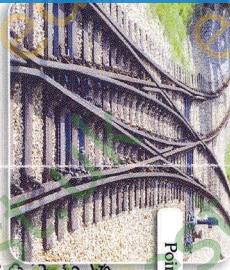
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on the Footplate



Points

acks meet, in be one track or



Exchanging Tokens



One of the Bridges



Signal gantry



SOUTHERN RAILWAY BEWARE OF TRAINS

Along the LINE

The railway line is five miles long.

There are four stations - Wootton, Havenstreet, Ashley and Smallbrook Junction.

There are four bridges over the line, one of which is known as Long Arch Bridge and is like a mini tunnel.

The line runs through ancient woodland and open countryside and is like a small nature reserve. There are native plants such as bluebells, primroses, orchids and very rare lungwort, along with dragonflies, red squirrels and birds of prey.

