

Reading for Meaning

STUDENT INTRODUCTION

- ▶ The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is a working railway.
- ▶ It shows us what railways were like in the past.
- ▶ Some old rail documents still exist today.
- ▶ Here is one for you to look at, an old 'hand-bill' or advertisement from 1966:

Understanding Railway Texts

READING TASK

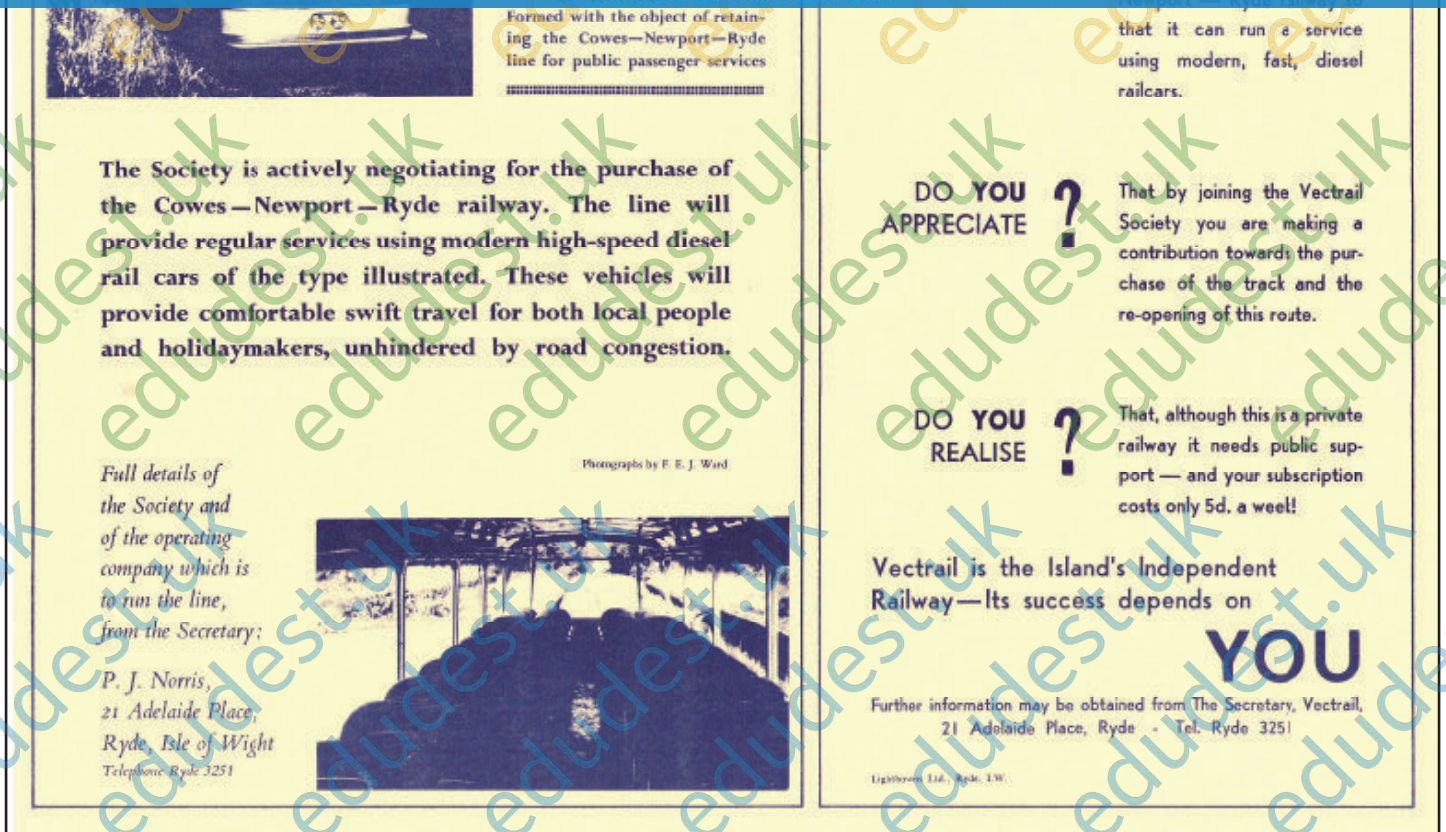
- ✓ Your task is to identify and retrieve information from the text, using some analytical skills.
- ✓ Read the resource below, thoroughly.
- ✓ Answer the questions on page 1&2. Your teacher may require you to write on this resource, or on paper.

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Formed with the object of retaining the Coves—Newport—Ryde line for public passenger services

The Society is actively negotiating for the purchase of the Coves—Newport—Ryde railway. The line will provide regular services using modern high-speed diesel rail cars of the type illustrated. These vehicles will provide comfortable swift travel for both local people and holidaymakers, unhindered by road congestion.

Full details of the Society and of the operating company which is to run the line, from the Secretary:

P. J. Norris,
21 Adelaide Place,
Ryde, Isle of Wight
Telephone Ryde 3251

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DO YOU APPRECIATE ? That by joining the Vectrail Society you are making a contribution towards the purchase of the track and the re-opening of this route.

DO YOU REALISE ? That, although this is a private railway it needs public support — and your subscription costs only 5d. a week!

Vectrail is the Island's Independent Railway—Its success depends on YOU

Further information may be obtained from The Secretary, Vectrail, 21 Adelaide Place, Ryde - Tel. Ryde 3251

Lightbourn Ltd., Ryde, I.W.

Questions

1. What is the name of the company that has written the text and what do they want from the reader?

Questions (continued...)

2. Which railway track are Vectrail hoping to purchase (buy)?

3. Can you pick out the 3 rhetorical questions that are used? List them here:

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4. What do the pictures show, and why do you think the writers have chosen these?

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5. Why do you think the word 'YOU' is in large and bold capitals?

6. What do 'Vectrail' ultimately hope to achieve? Use at least one quotation in your answer.

