

SAILING THROUGH HISTORY: DEVONPORT'S FERRIES - ANSWERS



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SHIPS HAVE BEEN SAILING BETWEEN DEVONPORT AND MELBOURNE FOR MANY YEARS. SOME CAME A LONG TIME AGO, SOME ARE SAILING TODAY. YOUR JOB IS TO PUT THEM IN THE RIGHT ORDER - WHICH BOAT CAME FIRST?

Your Task:

- Explore the museum for information about the boats.
- Write the order from the oldest to the newest.
- This helps us learn about how things change over time!


 1: *Princess of Tasmania*
 2: *Empress of Australia*
 3: *Abel Tasman*
 4: *Spirit of Tasmania*
 5: *Spirit of Tasmania I and 2*


OLDEST NEWEST

FERRIES HAVE CHANGED A LOT SINCE THE FIRST SHIPS SAILED FROM DEVONPORT TO MELBOURNE. LONG AGO, FERRIES WERE SLOWER AND COULD ONLY CARRY PEOPLE AND CARS. TODAY'S FERRIES ARE FASTER, BIGGER, AND CAN CARRY TRUCKS, CARAVANS, AND MORE! THESE CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY HAVE MADE TRAVEL AND WORK EASIER FOR MANY PEOPLE.

Your Task:

Answer the questions below to show how these changes have helped people. Write your own ideas in the spaces.

FASTER TRAVEL

The new Spirit of Tasmania ships can go a lot faster than the old ones.

How does going faster make the trip better for people?

Possible answers:

The trip is shorter, so people don't have to sit or wait for as long.

People can get to their holiday sooner

Can bring goods or vehicles across Bass Strait faster,

CARRYING TRUCKS AND BIG VEHICLES

Older ferries could not carry trucks and big vehicles like tractors but the new ferries can.

Why is this important for businesses?

Possible answers:

Businesses can move more goods which saves time and money.

Trucks bring fresh food, products across Bass Strait more easily,

Farmers can transport large machinery for work

MORE SPACE AND COMFORT

The new ferries have more rooms and more space.

How does this make trips nicer for families?

Possible answers:

Bigger rooms mean families stay together without splitting up

More space gives kids room to play, move and not feel bored.

Families sleep better in proper rooms, making an easier trip