

## The Royal Bull's Head Inn

Soon you will be visiting an old building, called the Royal Bull's Head Inn. Here is a picture of it:



What sort of building do you think this is? More than one answer might be correct! Draw a line under the answers that you think are correct.

House

Church

Pub

School

Hotel

How old do you think this building is?

20 years

50 years

100 years

150 years

250 years

What do you think the building is made of? You can choose more than one answer!

Wood

Brick

Stone

Cement

Metal

Who might have used this building in the past? You can choose more than one answer!

A large family

Travellers looking for somewhere to stay

Important people

People who were hungry or thirsty

Someone who wanted to post a letter

What do you imagine it looks like inside? Do you think it has:

Dishwasher

Bathroom

Toilet

Washing machine

TV

Computer

Piano

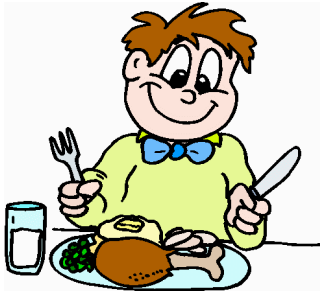
Toys

Books

Oven

Turn over the page to find out more about the Royal Bull's Head Inn and see how many answers you got right!

The Royal Bull's Head Inn was built in 1858, so it is just over 150 years old. It is built of wood and brick with a corrugated iron (metal) roof. It has a long verandah to provide shade on hot days.



When it was built, the Royal Bull's Head Inn was a hotel and a pub. People who were travelling from Brisbane to farms on the Darling Downs stayed here overnight. They could have a meal and a drink and spend the evening playing cards, reading books or talking with other travellers.

There was a bathroom upstairs but the toilet was outside in the garden!



In 1860, the most important person in Queensland, Sir George Bowen, stayed the night. Here is a picture of him. He looks very grand!



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After it had finished being a hotel, the Royal Bull's Head Inn became a home to a family with seven children. There were plenty of bedrooms for them all. Some of the children lived in the house even when they became grown-ups.

Eventually, nobody wanted to live in the house anymore. It was almost falling apart. Luckily, it has been repaired and now it is a museum. Many people come to visit the Royal Bull's Head Inn to find out what it was like to live a long time ago.



The house was also a post office so people came here to post letters and buy stamps.



It is important for us to look after old buildings so that they don't fall down. If they did, we wouldn't be able to find out about the past, how people used to live and how much things have changed.