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Victorians in Blackpool Schools resources

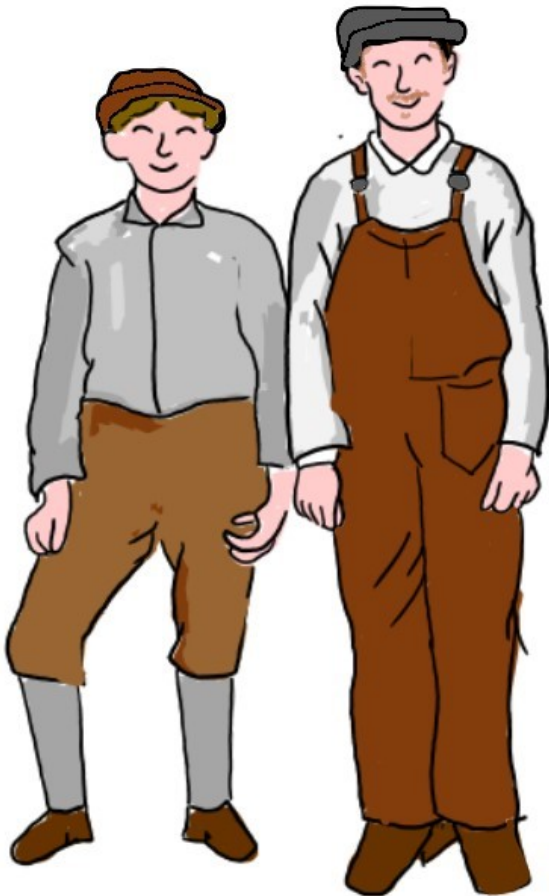
What is a mill worker?

Mill workers worked in factories. They used machines to make wool and cotton for clothes.

Factories were not very places to work. They were very loud, and dusty.

Workers would often get very from working in them.

They worked really long hours. They only had day off work a week.



one

nice

big

sick

hot

What was a Landlady?

Landladies ran lodging houses. Lodging houses were like hotels but cost a lot less. Visitors to Blackpool would stay in them.

The landlady cooked your breakfast, lunch and dinner. They made you feel like you were at home. They liked their lodging house to be clean.

They wanted to make sure that their guests would come back.

What do you think would make a good landlady?



Healing powers of the sea

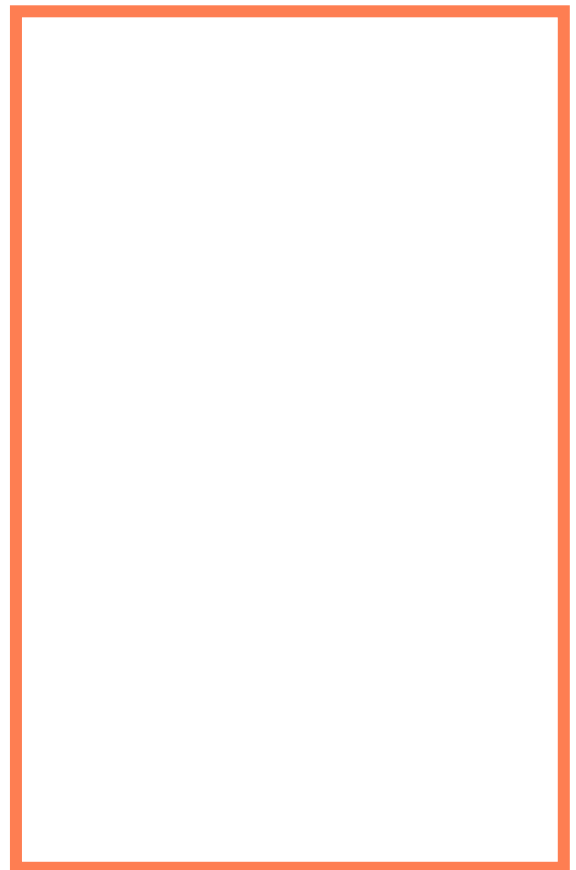
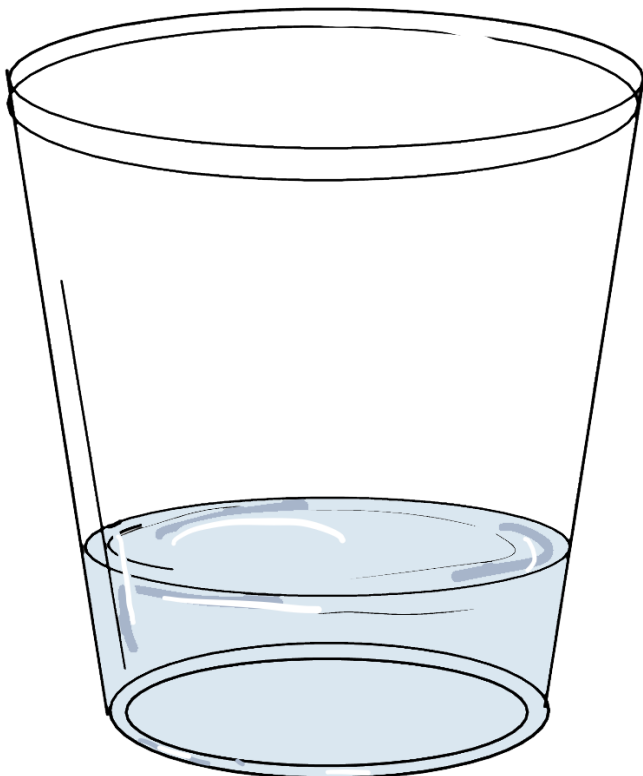
A long time ago if you were ill, doctors would tell you to go to the seaside.

They thought that the seaside air could help you breathe more easily. They thought that a paddle in the sea could cure many health problems.

They would tell people to drink the seawater. Seawater could be very salty so they told people to mix it with other things. Milk and honey could make it taste better.

What would you add to sea water to make it taste better?

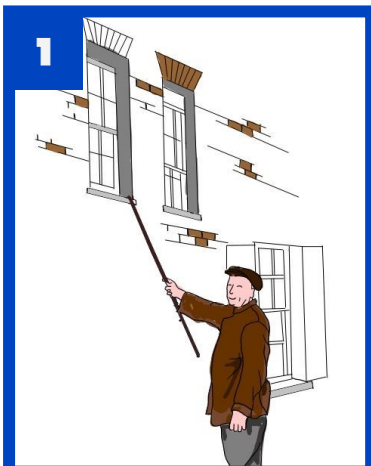
Colour in the glass and tell us what's in it.



Weird jobs for Victorians

There were lots of different jobs a really long time ago. Some of these jobs seem really strange to us now.

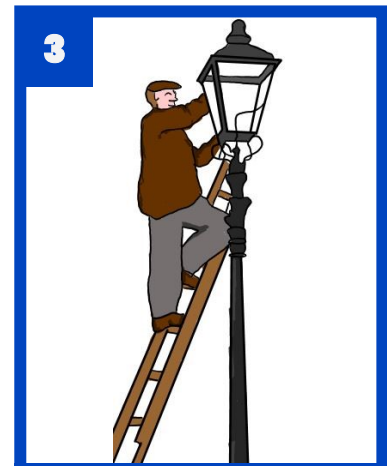
Have a look at the photographs below and see if you can match them with their description.



Knocker Up



Sanitary Inspector



Lamp lighter



Pure finder



Tosher



Chimney sweep

Weird jobs for Victorians

A really long time ago everything that you flushed down the toilet went into the sea. It was my job to make sure that there was nothing brown floating around. If I found something, I crushed it up.

A

Before alarm clocks were made, I got you up in the morning. I had to get up really early. It didn't matter if it was sunny or if it was raining. I would knock on your window or door with a large wooden stick.

B

My job was to look in the sewers. I looked for gold or copper coins to sell. A sewer is a dark tunnel filled with everything you flush down the toilet. It was a dark, dirty and dangerous job.

C

My job was to clean soot from your chimney. Soot came from a burning fire and was like dust. You had to be really small to get into chimneys. When I turn 8 years old, I'll be too big to do this job.

D

My job was to light the street lamps. Before electricity, street lights were powered by gas. They didn't come on by themselves. People like me would take a ladder and climb up to light them.

E

I have a very smelly job. I went around the streets and picked up dog poo. It wasn't to keep the street clean though. Dog poo was used to soften leather. This softer leather could be used for shoes and book covers.

F

Seaside Entertainment

There were lots of things to do on Blackpool beach. **Have a look at the photographs below and write what you think is happening.**



Do you think you can still do these things on the beach today?

More than sea and sand

There is so much to see and do in Blackpool. Blackpool is more than its beach.

Use the fact sheet to learn more about Blackpool.



1. How tall is Blackpool Tower?

2. What year did the Winter Gardens open?

3. What is the name of the oldest Pier in Blackpool?

4. Who designed the Grand Theatre?

5. What else can you find inside the Blackpool Tower?

More than sea and sand

Fact Sheet



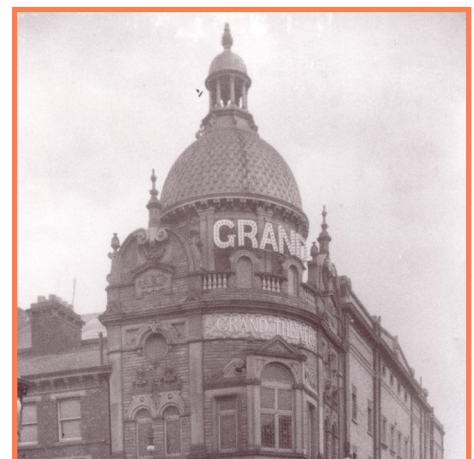
North Pier is the oldest pier in Blackpool. It opened in 1863. It was made to extend the promenade so you could walk right over the sea. Blackpool has 3 piers.

The Winter Gardens opened in 1878. It has changed in many ways but it has always had a theatre inside. There was even a big wheel at the Winter Gardens from 1896-1928.



Blackpool Tower opened in 1894. It is 158 metres tall. You can take the lift to the top of the Tower. There is also a ballroom and a circus inside.

The Grand Theatre opened in 1894. It was designed to be a small and cosy theatre. It was designed by Frank Matcham. It is known as 'Matcham's Masterpiece'.





Wish you were here!



Teachers notes

There are 7 activities linked to the video. There is a suggested pause in video to link to the below activities.

Pause 1: Millworkers: Let the children have a go at filling in the gaps in these sentences.

Pause 2: Landladies: Read about landladies together and ask children to think about what would make a good landlady. Remember a landlady wanted to encourage people to come back to stay. Children should be writing words such as kind, friendly, funny. Make sure that children understand that qualities such as friendliness would make visitors return.

Pause 3: Sea water: Read about the healing powers of the sea water together. Ask children to think of things that might make drinking seawater taste better. They could suggest things that they like, like orange juice. They could list things like sugar. There is no right or wrong answer but children should be able to say why they have picked it. *Please stress to children that we do not recommend that they drink sea water and it can make you very poorly.*

Pause 4: Weird jobs: Use the two sheets to see if children can match the job title with the job description. These jobs tend not to exist anymore but they are interesting examples of how jobs change. Go through the answers with the children and talk to them about why we no longer have these jobs.

Pause 5: Entertainment: Have a look at the photographs on the sheet. All photographs are from the end of the Victorian era. Talk through with children what they think is happening in these photographs. Ask them to write down what they see and think about whether you can still do these things today.

Pause 6: More than sea and sand: Read through the fact sheet with children. Ask them to take information from the fact sheet to answer the questions. All venues included were in use in the Victorian era. Talk to children about whether they have visited any of these venues and if they would like to.

End of video: Postcard: You have just heard about a Victorian's holiday to Blackpool. Ask children to imagine that they are visiting Blackpool a really long time ago. Ask them to write a postcard to their friends and family at home. They can also colour in the image of Blackpool on the front.

Answer Sheet

Mill workers: Mill workers worked in **big** factories. They used machines to make wool and cotton for clothes.

Factories were not very **nice** places to work. They were very loud, **hot** and dusty. Workers would often get very **sick** from working in them.

They worked really long hours. They only had **one** day off work a week.

Weird jobs:

1. Knocker Up - B
2. Sanitary Inspector - A
3. Lamp Lighter - E
4. Pure finder - F
5. Tosher - G
6. Chimney Sweep - D

More than sea and sand

1. 158 metres
2. 1878
3. North Pier
4. Frank Matcham
5. Circus and Ballroom

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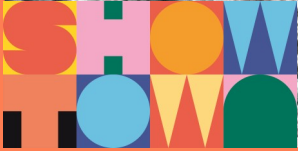
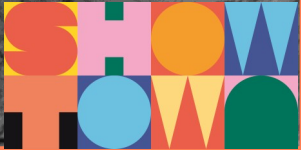
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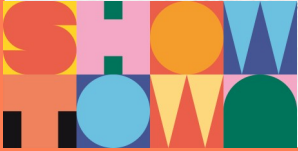
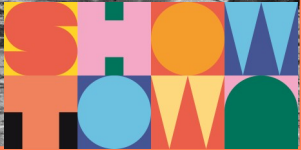


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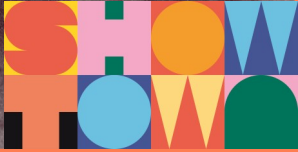
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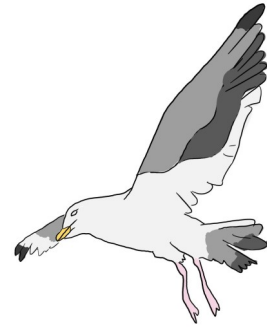
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Video script



Way before your mum was born and even Grandad too,
It's hard to think what people were like, but we were just like you
We loved to go on holiday to take a break from work,
We'd been in the mill all day and were about to go berserk
Jobs weren't like they are today, they were really tough,
And if you were a mill worker, you really had it rough.
We worked from Monday to Saturday from morning until night.
We had only one week off a year and money was still tight.

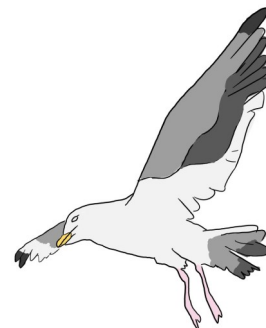
But when we got a week off, we knew it would be fun,
we came straight to Blackpool to see the seaside sun.
If you had a little money, you could travel by horse and cart,
But if you were a millworker, walking was quite smart.
The walk from Manchester to Blackpool took over half a day,
But that was what we had to do if we hadn't saved our pay.

After walking all that time, we needed somewhere to sleep,
The lodging house was pretty full but we knew they were quite cheap,
They'd fit 30 in a room, and squeeze six of us in a bed!
"Come on in and stay the night" the friendly Landlady said.

We're up early in the morning and go to get some food,
The Landlady is ready, waiting, with tea freshly brewed,
For breakfast we have porridge and a bit of buttered bread,
The landlady tells us what to do, we have the full day ahead!
She said the sun and seaside breeze would stop my moans and groans,
And a dip in the salt water sea would heal my aching bones.

We grit our teeth and paddle into the ice cold ocean,
That's when a passer-by told us about a 'sea water potion'.
"Cup your hands, scoop up the water and take a real big sip -
It will do you the world of good," he said, "that's my top tip".

It was only in that moment, that we saw something go right past,
It looked like a cloud of brown and we both let out a gasp,
As it floated closer and we realised that the worst was true,
"Get away from that thing, Billy, that's a big smelly poo!"



We shouted over the Sanitary Inspector and asked him to do his job,
"You need to remove that thing quickly, I nearly put it in my gob".

We dry off from the sea and there are people crowding on the beach,
And just as we're getting closer we hear an almighty screech,
There's a man sat in a chair with another scrubbing at his feet,
They called the man a chiropodist and he was trying to make ends meet,
"Take of your socks and shoes" he shouted "I'll remove your calluses and corns"
I'll saw that dead skin off your feet and then you'll feel reborn"
It was the most disgusting view, but the crowds didn't turn away,
If it wasn't for the smelly feet we could have stayed all day.

And just like that the morning was over but there was still so much to do,
We'd hadn't been up the Tower yet and we wanted to see that view.
They said that there's a circus with world-class acts inside,
With acrobats swinging from the ceiling, gravity defied.
We wanted to dance on the piers, go to the Winter Gardens or the Grand,
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We knew there was more to Blackpool than just the sea and sand,
Billy said "I want to come here every year, Blackpool's the place to be"
& as I looked around the town, I couldn't disagree!