

MAKING ENDS MEET ACTIVITY SHEET

1) Your task was to keep your family well fed, warm and clean. How easy was it to do this for each of the families? (Tick the best word or phrase for each family):

Labourer

no problem fairly easy quite hard impossible

Collier

no problem fairly easy quite hard impossible

Puddler

no problem fairly easy quite hard impossible

2) Write a sentence or two on how you think each family might have managed to 'make ends meet' on their weekly wages.

3) All the jobs that people did were terribly hard. The **puddlers**, though, could often get horribly burned by red-hot metal. Many of them went blind because of the heat and light of the iron furnaces. Which job would YOU rather have done: labourer, collier or puddler? Give reasons for your answer.

4) As they were so poor, why do you think the labourer and his wife had so many children?