

Children's life in Victorian Times

Learn about the life of children in Victorian Times through objects.

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What is he holding in his right hand?
Boot

What is he holding in his left hand?
Brush

What is his job?
He is a BOOT BOY: his job is cleaning shoes and boots

What is this girl about to do?
Wash clothes

What is she holding in her right hand?
Wooden laundry tongs (used to grab and move clothes in the hot water)

The tub is filled with water. What else does she need to add?
Soap (carbolic soap)

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This girl is a 'chamber maid'. What does she do?

She was a servant and her job was to keep the house clean.

What is she holding in her hands?

A chamber-pot, it was used as toilet in the bedroom during the night (it was part of the chamber maid's job to empty the chamber pots every morning)

Can you name 2 other objects she might need to do her job?

Broom, brush, duster, etc.

How would you describe his clothes?

dirty, ragged, old, ...

What is he holding in his hands?

Chimney broom and brush

What is his job?

Chimney sweep (small children usually worked for chimney sweeps and were called 'climbers' because their job was to climb up the chimney to clean it)



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What is he holding in his hands?

Beater

What is the object on the floor?

Carpet/rug

What is he about to do?

Clean the carpet by beating it with the beater

What is she holding?

Doll

This toy is made of rags. Can you name 2 other materials that toys like this could be made of in Victorian Times?

Wood, china, papier mache, wax



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What is she holding in her right hand?

Brush

What is she holding in her left hand?

Bucket of water

She is about to spend a few hours on her hands and knees: what is her job?

She is a Scullery Maid and her job is scrubbing the floors on her hands and knees using a brush. She would also wash dishes and do any other hard menial jobs in the household

What toy is he holding?

Hobby Horse

How do you play with it?

You ride the horse dragging the wooden end on the ground (sometimes it had a wheel to make running around easier). It could be used indoors and outdoors

Can you name 2 other Victorian toys?

Cup and ball, spinning top, rocking horse, rag doll, zoetrope, etc.



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There are 3 objects in this picture that tell us where the boy is.

Can you recognise the 3 objects?
(careful, one is really small!)

1. *desk*
2. *slate*
3. *dip pen (on the desk)*

Where is the boy?

At school

To light the fire this girl used kindling and 2 other things. Can you name them?

1. *wood*
2. *coal*

She is holding a tool made of 2 parts that makes a spark.

What is it called?

Flint and *steel (also called striker)*



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