

# Children's life in Victorian Times

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

## ANSWERS

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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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