

Children at Work

1. In Victorian times, most children from poor families would have worked instead of going to school.
2. Employers liked to hire children because they could pay them less.
3. Children often had to work twelve hours a day.
4. The machines were dangerous because they had no safety guards to prevent accidents.
5. Lord Shaftesbury was famous for campaigning for reforms that would improve working conditions for children.
6. In the 1840s, laws were passed which said that children under nine were not allowed to work for more than 6 hours a day.
7. Children who now had to attend school for 3 hours a day were called half-timers .
8. They were often separated from the other pupils because of the smell they brought with them from the factory or mill.
9. Children who could not find work in the factories or mills often worked in the streets selling newspapers, flowers, matches or other things.
10. Upper-class and middle-class people often hired children as domestic servants to work in their homes.
11. Many children from the country were sent to the hiring fair in the hope that a farmer would employ them.

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hiring fair	domestic servants	streets	less
safety guards	half-timers	worked	