



Classroom role play



The Putter

You work at the Mahogany Mine, but you do not live on Francis Street.

You are new to the village and board with a local family. You were drawn to the area by the promise of work in the booming Durham coalfield and quickly found a job.

As a putter, you push the full coal tubs from the coal face to the pit ponies. It is tough physical labour, but if you work hard you could be promoted to a hewer when a job becomes available.

At the end of the day you rest and relax. You meet with friends at the street corner or in the pub and catch up on the local gossip.

You are a keen sportsman and enjoy a game of football or cricket. You are also a regular at the local dances, but your pride and joy are your pigeons, which you keep as a hobby.

Whilst you come from a Methodist chapel background, you are not a regular chapel goer.

You do go to special events such as the carol singing and the Harvest Festival.

Life is hard work and you spend most of the day underground. When you have time off, you spend it outside in the sunshine and fresh air, or enjoying yourself with your friends.