



Classroom role play

The Winding Engineman

You live at Number 2 Francis Street.

You work at the Mahogany Mine as a winding engineman. You control the machinery that moves the cages from the surface to the mine shafts. The mine depends on you to transport the men, coal, ponies and equipment safely and reliably.



Working above ground is safer than below. You were relieved when your sons followed in your footsteps and became winding enginemen.

Your house comes free with your job and you are well paid. You are careful with money and, as you have been taught in chapel, you do not gamble.

You are heavily involved with the Methodist chapel. You take pride in working hard and doing a good job and are known to be trustworthy, level-headed and reliable.

You are teetotal. To promote temperance, you are involved with the Band of Hope, a youth group to teach children about the dangers of drinking alcohol.

Chapel life has given you confidence and many skills. You have learnt the importance of a calm, steady and measured approach to life. You try to learn new skills and knowledge and take a keen interest in current events.

The chapel has encouraged you to push for higher wages, better conditions and shorter working hours and like many Methodists, you are a member of the Union. You do your best to improve life for the miners; you avoid striking if at all possible.

You are fascinated by the work of the foreign missionaries who visit and talk about their work overseas. They carry the word of the Bible to parts of the world you can only imagine. You contribute generously to the collection boxes to support their work.