

This resource is suitable for children in Years 1 & 2



The railway first arrived in Derby over 180 years ago. In 1839, Derby began leading the way in designing and building trains and their tracks. From workshops at the back of Derby station, railway lines started to spread across the country like a spider's web. Today, Derby is one of the most important cities for the railway industry, with worldwide rail companies such as Bombardier and Porterbrook based in the city.

Our task today is to explore some of the different jobs in the rail industry.

If you were to travel on the railway, you would see lots of staff on the train and at the stations, who all do different jobs.

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Match up challenge

Cut out the different jobs and place them with the descriptions on the next page.





I make sure the railway equipment is working correctly and fix any problems with the track.

I am in charge of the train engine and making sure the train reaches its destination on time. I design the clothes that all of the people that work in the rail industry wear.

I make sure that train drivers know when it is safe to move the trains using different signals that they can see along the track. I check that everyone is on the train safely, and tell the driver when to set off, often by blowing a loud whistle.

I serve people food and drinks while they are on the train. I always have to be kind and friendly.