

## Key Stage 2:

History - What was it like for children living in Victorian Britain?  
English - Poetry Writing



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# The Railway Station

I walk into the station  
Crowds surround me, pressing into me, as I struggle towards the train.  
My bag is heavy, as I follow the rustle of my Mother's skirt.  
A boy beside me weeps as he kisses his Mother goodbye.  
I hear the stern voice of a policeman and the laughter of a soldier  
The size of the carriages overwhelms me  
And there at last I see the engine already gushing steam.  
My mouth fills with the taste of smoke  
Excitement and wonder fill my heart.

**Q.** Can you identify the following items in the picture which are also mentioned in the poem?

Heavy bags  
A boy and his mother  
A policeman  
A soldier  
The carriages  
The engine

**Q.** Can you add extra lines to the poem?

**Q.** Can you make a shape poem to fill in this outline of a Victorian Train? Use some of the ideas above and look carefully at the picture to find better ideas of your own

