

# Working in the Warehouse — Question Set 1

1 Which person is this autobiographical text written in?

2B

Tick one box

First person

Third person

2 Why was the warehouse where Dickens worked called the *blacking-warehouse*?

2D



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For this question, you will need to make links with what happens at the warehouse and what it is called.



3 Put these stages of Dickens's job into the correct order.

2B

Cover the pots with a piece of blue paper.

Tie the papers round with string.

Paste a printed label onto each pot.

Cover the pots with oil-paper.

Clip the paper close and neat all round.



For this type of question, first find each of the stages in the text and underline them. Then number them in the order they appear in the text. Finally, match each stage in the question to your numbered stages in the text.

4 Draw lines to match the words on the left (found in the text) with the most appropriate definition (on the right) for their context.

2A

abutting

shortage

wainscoted

freedom

apothecary

panelled in wood

liberty

next to

scantiness

person who prepares drugs/medicines

When you don't know what a word means, find it in the text and read around it to see what makes sense in the context.



5 Find three words and phrases in the text which show the warehouse was in a state of disrepair.

If you're not sure what the word 'disrepair' means, think about the root word and the prefix.

2G

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6 In your own words, summarise the final paragraph to show what life was like for Charles Dickens as a boy. The first sentence has been written for you.

2B

As a child, Charles Dickens had very little and life was tough.  
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