CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEET

Source 1a. James Town's first double-decker horse-drawn omnibus, Worthing, c1885

Source 1b. Close-up detail of 1a.

Source 2a. Later "improved" version of James Town's omnibus, 1897

Source 2b. Close-up detail of 2a.

Source 3. Single-decker "brake" that ran from Findon to Worthing, c1899

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Source 4. Timetable for the Worthing omnibus and the Findon brake, 1899

Source 5. A hackney carriage, bath chairs and donkey cart wait near Worthing pier, 1880
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6-Hackney carriages and their drivers wait outside a building in Worthing, c1880

Source 7. A hansom cab in Worthing, c1900

Source 8. Details from a list of hackney carriage fares, 1892

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1-Look at sources 1, 2, 3, and 4. The timetable mentions "omnibus" and "brake". What do we call this type of transport today?

2-The man at the back in source 1b, and the man in source 3, are holding something in their left hands. What do you think they are and what were they used for?

3-How would passengers get to the top deck in sources 1 and 2?

4-On the left of and underneath the main timetable, services from Findon are listed. Where in Worthing do most of them go?

5-What is different and what is the same about the sort of transport shown in sources 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Victorian times and today?

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6-Look at sources 5, 6, 7 and 8. The list of fares mentions "hackney carriages", and source 7 shows a "hansom cab". What do we call this kind of transport today?

7-Outside which building do you think the carriages in source are 6 waiting?

8-What are the drivers in sources 6 and 7 (standing next to his horse) both wearing?

9-From the list of fares: what other animals apart from horses were used by hackney carriages and other forms of hired transport?

10-What is different and what is the same about the sort of transport shown in sources 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Victorian times and today?

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