



## Shale Oil Industry Jobs and money Worksheet 1



British currency is now in pounds sterling. You recognise money like pounds and pence. When the shale oil industry was in action the workers were paid in pounds, shillings and pennies.

Complete these tasks. You may need to use the internet to find some information.

*Useful websites.*

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/currency/default](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/currency/default)

[www.direct.gov.uk/en/employment/employees/thenationalminimumwage](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/employment/employees/thenationalminimumwage)

[www.scottishshale.co.uk/SchoolsPages/SchoolsIntroduction.html](http://www.scottishshale.co.uk/SchoolsPages/SchoolsIntroduction.html)

1. How much is 1 shilling worth now?
2. A chain runner earned 25s2d per week. How much did they earn in today's money?
3. Do you think that is a fair wage for a week's work?
4. If a chain runner worked a 60 hour week. How much did he earn per hour in today's money?
5. What is the minimum wage that people earn now?
6. How does this compare to the wages of the chain runner?

7. If a chain runner was earning today's minimum wage, how much would he earn a week?

8. What was the highest and lowest paid jobs in the shale oil industry?