

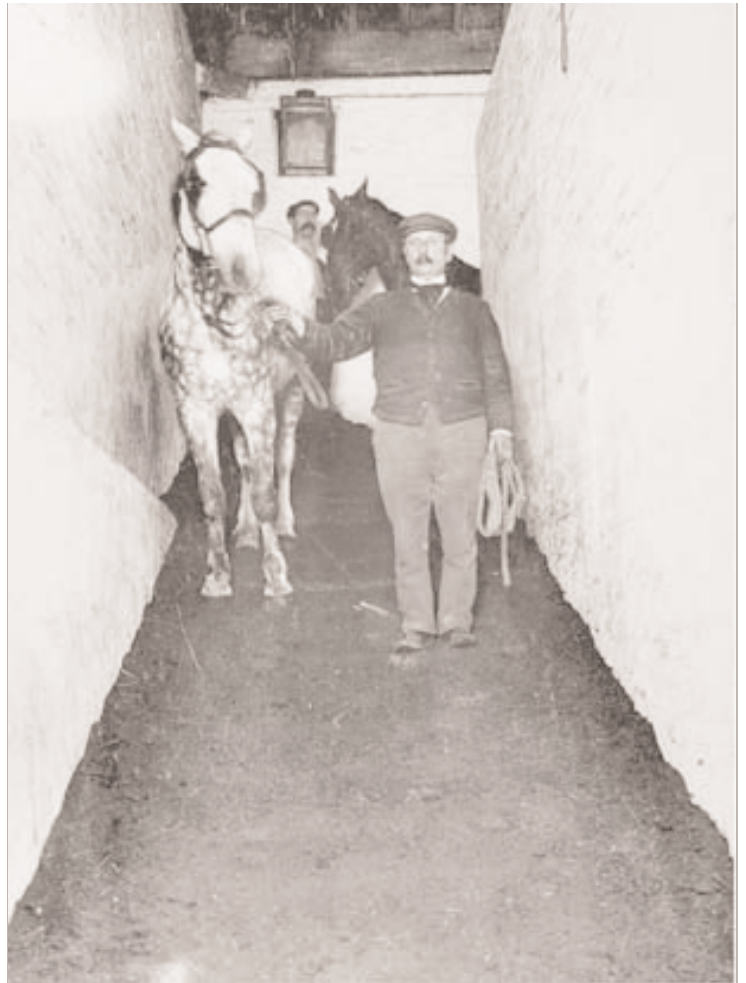
# Victorian Hackney

## Transport *activity sheet*

Horses in Victorian times had to work very hard. In the country people used horses to travel, as the car had not been invented, and also to plough fields. People also depended on them to pull carriages along the roads and barges on the canal towpaths. In the cities they even pulled trams up the roads.

There were thousands of horses in London that worked pulling the trams. At night they all slept in huge stables with many floors, which the horses had to walk up ramps to get to.

A horse being led down the ramps.  
Kingsland Road Stables, 1880s.



### **Activity**

Imagine you are a horse in Victorian times, write about a day in your life. Maybe you have been working by the canal in Hackney, or have been at the blacksmith having your iron shoes changed. Perhaps you have been pulling a tram with lots of other horses or you have been at the front of a rich lady's carriage.

You might even want to draw a picture to go with your story, perhaps of your horse in the stables at night with all of the other horses.