Unit 202: Changing practices over time

# Worksheet 1: Pre-1919 construction methods (Tutor)

1. In which part of the UK, known as ‘The Potteries’ were most tiles produced during this period?

Stoke-on-Trent

1. Name **two** potters who produced tiles at this time.

Wedgwood, Spode, Minton. Any other correct answers can be accepted.

1. What is the difference between extruding and dry-pressed tiles?

Different manufacturing methods: Extruding tiles are shaped in the plastic state in an extruder and the resulting column cut into tiles of predetermined thickness.Dry-pressed tiles are formed of powder or small grains, shaped in moulds under high pressure before firing.

1. What materials were generally used for fixing tiles?

Lime-based mortar or Portland cement.

1. Why were tiles soaked in water before they were installed?

Because of their high porosity levels, which made it difficult for the cement to adhere to them unless they were soaked first.

1. List the basic hand tools a pre-1919 tiler would use.

Trowels, float, measuring tape, square set, manual tile cutter or saw, hammers, chisels. Any other correct answers can be accepted.