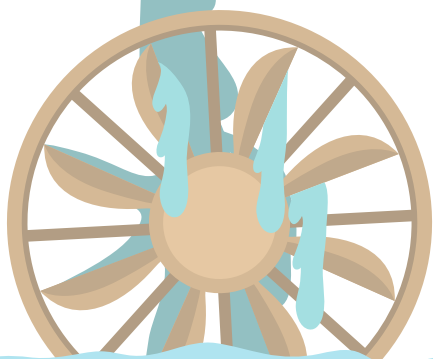


Sounds and Symbols in the Mill



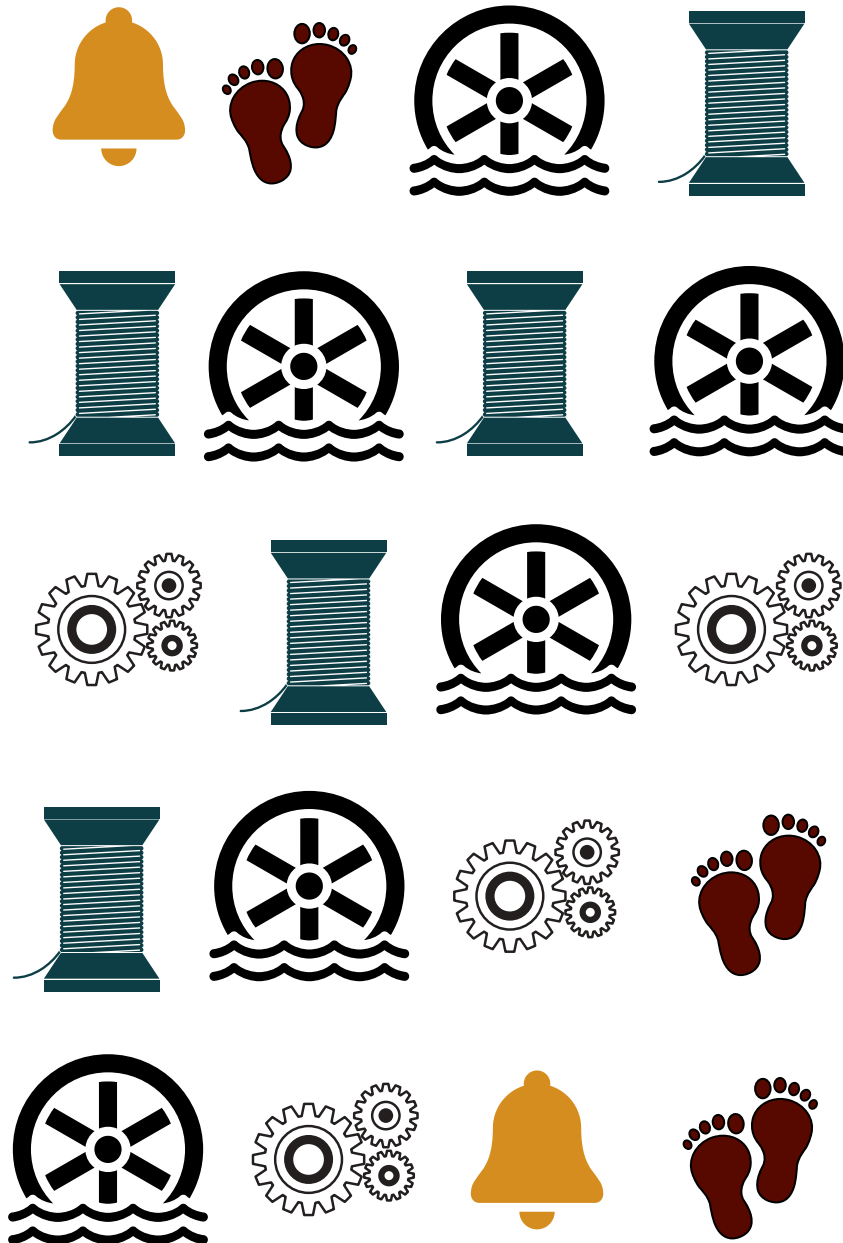
The mills were full of noise. Water splashing, wheels turning, bells ringing, ropes squeaking, gears grinding, bobbins spinning - it's not surprising mill workers developed their own sign language to talk to each other!

- 1** Listen to this video clip of the machines at Masson Mills:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3RDi1yOKFs>
- 2** Think of **5 adjectives** that describe the sound.
- 3** Use the 5 adjectives to write a **poem** about the machine.
Challenge: Use onomatopoeia (words that sound like the sound they describe) to recreate the sound of the machine.
- 4** Listen to the video clip again. Can you pick out individual sounds that keep repeating? Think of a symbol for each sound.
- 5** Write your own machine song.
 - Think of 6 different sounds that a machine might make.
 - Create a symbol for each sound.
 - Write out the symbols in a pattern.
(see **Sounds and Symbols Music** for inspiration)
 - Find ways to make the sounds and perform your song.



Sounds and Symbols Music

Can you create a different sound for each symbol in our mill song? You could use saucepans, your voice, or anything you can find around the house!



Key



The bell starts and ends the day



The workers walk around the mill



The water splashes as the wheel turns



The gears creak and grind as they turn



The bobbins click and rattle as they spin