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Activity 1 – Work in pairs

Student A: Look at this information about the Fron Haul houses. Some information is missing.

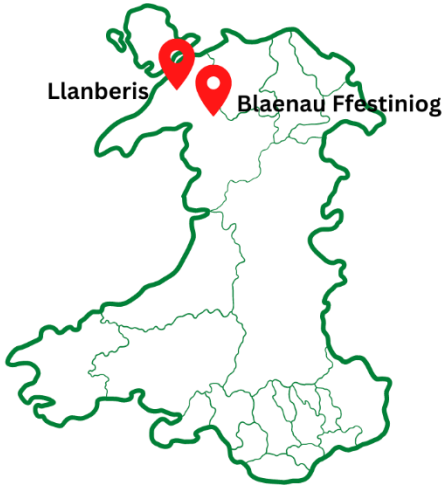
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Llanberis. • Original Location: <input type="text"/> • Built for: Quarrymen and their families. • Number 1 shows: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> • Number 2 shows: life in Bethesda in 1901. • Number 3 shows: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> • Number 4 shows: how the houses were dismantled and rebuilt. • Dismantled and rebuilt at Llanberis: <input type="text"/>
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Complete the questions. Ask your partner and fill in the missing information.

1. Where _____ the houses before Llanberis?
2. What _____ number 1 _____?
3. Which year _____ number 3 _____?
4. When did they _____ the houses at Llanberis?

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Student B: Look at this information about the Fron Haul houses. Some information is missing. Make questions to ask your partner for the missing information.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Location: <input type="text"/> ▪ Original Location: Tanygrisiau ▪ Built for: <input type="text"/> ▪ Number 1 shows: life in Llanberis in 1969. Number 2 shows: <input type="text"/> ▪ Number 3 shows: life in Tanygrisiau in 1861. ▪ Number 4 shows: <input type="text"/> ▪ Dismantled and rebuilt at Llanberis: 1997
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Complete the questions. Ask your partner and fill in the missing information.

1. Where ____ the houses now?
2. ____ lived in the houses?
3. Which year ____ number 2 ____?
4. What ____ number 4 ____?

Paragraph 1



The houses were not always at this site. At first, they were at Tanygrisiau near Blaenau Ffestiniog, but they were in very bad condition and people wanted to **demolish** them. They were built especially for **quarrymen** and their families, so the museum decided to move them and rebuild them at the National Slate Museum in Llanberis. It was a huge job – they had to number every

stone, slate, window and door. Then they moved the pieces to Llanberis and put them back together like an **enormous** jigsaw. Now when you visit them, you can see how quarrymen lived in the past.



Paragraph 2

Number 3 Fron Haul shows life in the village of Tanygrisiau in 1861. At this time, cities were growing very quickly and they needed slate for the buildings. A lot of slate came from Wales. In Tanygrisiau they worked in the quarries and lived in houses like number 3 Fron Haul. This house is small with only one room

upstairs. Children had to share rooms or beds with their parents. They used an open fire for both heating and cooking. But, there was plenty of work and families could buy different kinds of food. You can see this on the table.

Paragraph 3



Number 2 Fron Haul shows life in 1901. The house is still very small but upstairs there is a separate bedroom for the children. At this time many workers went on strike because they did not earn enough money for their work. The families did not have much money and they could not buy a lot of food – sometimes they only had bread. But some people grew vegetables in the garden. In 1901, about 500 men

returned to work but the others were angry. They called them “**Bradwyr**”, meaning **traitor** or **blacklegs**.

Paragraph 4



Number 1 Fron Haul shows you Llanberis in 1969. Now they have electricity and can have a television, lighting and even a record player. Other things are better too – there’s a bath and a toilet in this house! But, it was the end of an era. In the past Dinorwig quarry employed more than 3,000 men and supplied slate to all parts of the world. During the 1950s and 1960s slate became less

important. In July 1969, they used slate from Dinorwig at a ceremony when Prince Charles was made Prince of Wales at Caernarfon Castle. The quarry closed down only a month later.

Activity 2

Find the words in **bold** in the text. Write each word next to its meaning.

1. A person who lets down their friends, colleagues or their country.

2. Pull or knock down. _____

3. People who work in quarries. _____

4. Very big, huge. _____

5. Someone who works when others are on strike. _____

Activity 3

Read the sentences and choose which house they apply to, 1,2 or 3 From Haul. Circle the correct answer.

There were things to do in your free time.	1	2	3
There was only one bedroom for the whole family.	1	2	3
There was a toilet and bathroom indoors.	1	2	3
There was enough food.	1	2	3
There was not much food.	1	2	3
They used a fire for cooking.	1	2	3
They grew vegetables.	1	2	3