Hello! I am Richard Trevithick and this is the 'Penydarren Locomotive.'

On February 21st, 1804, this steam locomotive was the first steam locomotive/train to carry people and freight in the world!

I burned coal to heat up the water inside the engine, then steam built up and pushed the pistons, cogs and wheels.

Richard Trevithick Fact file





Richard was born in Cornwall in 1771. In school a teacher described him as `a disobedient, slow, obstinate, spoiled boy...' He loved studying the steam engines at the mines his father worked at.

Trevithick family home

He would invent his own high-pressure steam engines and by 1801, he invented the 'Puffing Devil', a locomotive that was used on the roads around Cornwall.



The 'Puffing Devil'

After the Penydarren Locomotive did not capture public attention, Trevithick set up a rail track in London and offed the public paid rides. It was called the 'Catch Me Who Can Locomotive.'

'Catch me who can', 1808

Richard travelled all over the world inventing and promoting steam technology. He had very little money and died in 1833. His friends collected money to bury him in an unmarked grave.



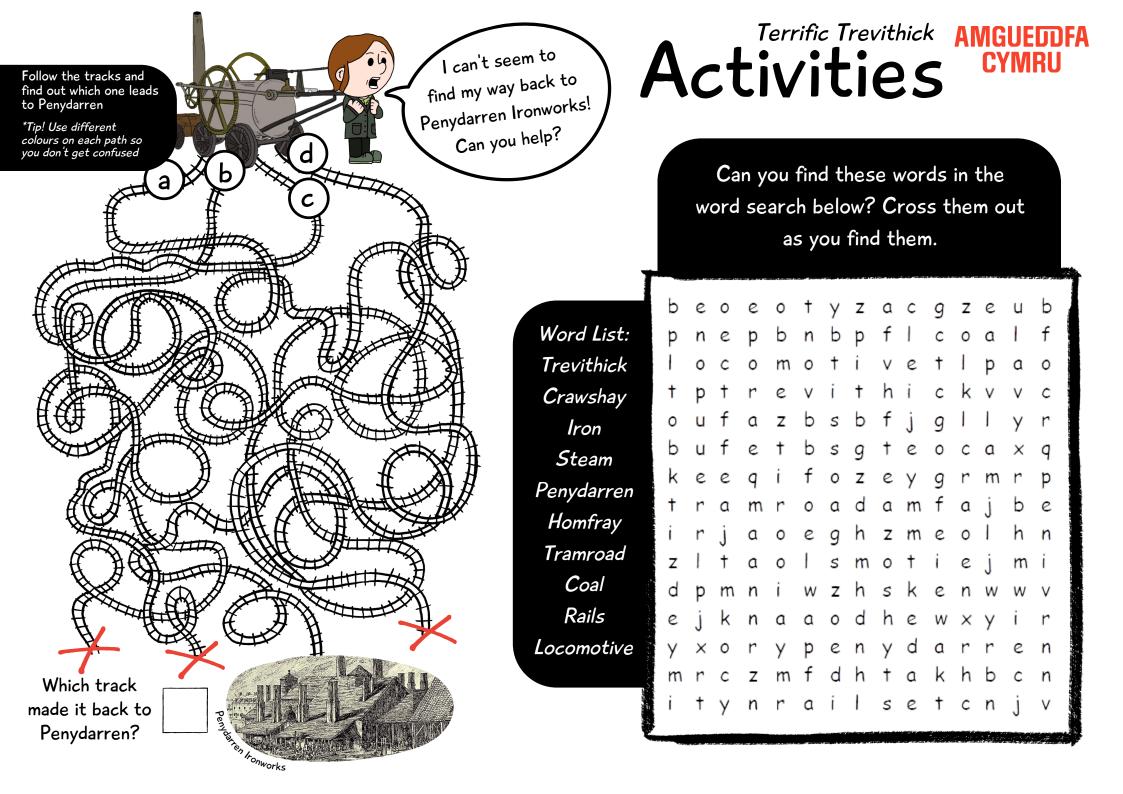
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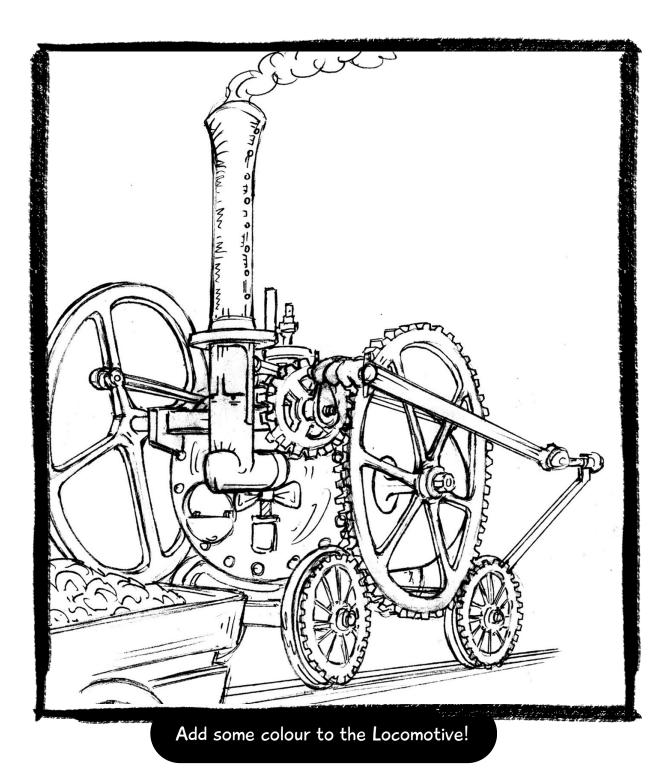
Steam Locomotive

with Richard Trevithick

Can you design your own locomotive in the box below? Think of what it will look like, if it would run on rails and even what powered it. Make sure to add lots of colour too!

What gives power to your Locomotive? Renewable energy? Electric? Coal? Or another invention altogether! Draw or write the answer in here





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Spot the difference! There are 8 things removed from the bottom picture. Can you find them all? Circle them when you find them

