**What is a sweatshop? Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica; study.com**

Sweatshop, workplace in which workers are employed at low wages and under unhealthy or oppressive conditions.

**Conditions in Sweatshops**

Sweatshops are defined by telling conditions. The workplace setting is cramped with workers, in order to maximize production. They usually feature 'exposed electrical wiring, blocked aisles, unguarded machinery, and unsanitary bathrooms.' This accompanies minimal ventilation, a lack of temperature control, and insufficient lighting.

Workers in sweatshops experience difficult conditions. They work long hours, sometimes as many as twelve to fifteen hours a day. They are not freely allowed to leave the work area, or in some cases, move around in it. Breaks are not readily given. The work is repetitive, designed to increase output of products at a fast rate of speed. Due to its tedious nature, it has been described as 'rage inducing.'

In order to maintain profit, workers are compensated very little. They do not enjoy much in the way of job security, health benefits, and overtime pay. Workers in sweatshops do not get the chance to socialize with one another, and are financially struggling. It is not surprising to see that children employed in sweatshops do not attend school.

1. **How is the workplace setting described?**

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1. **How is the factory made an unpleasant place to work?**

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1. **How long do factory workers sometimes work?**

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1. **What do young workers not have the opportunity to do?**

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1. **Find three similarities between sweatshops and Fergal’s tin factory**

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