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Cut out these statements about the effects of the Industrial Revolution and organise them into 3 piles: POSITIVE EFFECTS, NEGATIVE EFFECTS or BOTH.	
Children were able to work in factories and coal mines to earn money for their families.	Black smoke from factory chimneys polluted the towns and cities.
There weren't as many jobs available for rural workers as machines were invented to do the job faster and more cheaply.	There were lots of jobs available in factories in the towns and cities.
Steam trains were able to transport goods, letters and people cheaply and quickly to all areas of the country.	A new method of producing steel meant that ships could be built quickly, enabling Britain to trade goods with other countries.
Factories were able to manufacture goods quickly and cheaply which improved Britain's trade.	The population of the towns and cities grew quickly.
Factory owners built houses for their workers quickly and cheaply.	Lots of people had to live in a small house with no running water and a shared outside toilet.
Work in factories or coal mines could be very dangerous and lots of people were killed or injured.	Over-populated areas in cities and towns were breeding grounds for dangerous diseases.
People could earn better money in urban areas than in rural areas.	The increase in steam engines meant more coal had to be mined to run the engines.

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Worksheet 2B

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What do you think the positive and negative effects of the Industrial Revolution were? Complete the table below to show your

Positive Effects Negative Effects

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Key Word Cards

The Spinning Jenny	The Bessemer Converter
Steam Trains	Textile Mills
Coal Miners	Child Labour
London Slums	The Flying Shuttle
Steel	Steam Boats
Factories	George Stephenson
Isambard Kingdom Brunel	The Great Exhibition
Henry Bessemer	The Steam Engine