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Task

- 7a** How much were women paid in 1874 compared to men?
- 7b** What was the highest pay that a skilled woman worker could get?
- 7c** Why do you think Emma Paterson wrote this article?



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This is part of an article written by Emma Paterson, the leader of the Women's Trade Union in 1874.

'Not only are women frequently paid half or less than half for doing work as well and as quickly as men, but skilled women whose labour requires delicacy of touch, the result of long training as well as thoughtfulness, receive from 11 shillings to 16 or 17 shillings a week, while the roughest unskilled labour of a man is worth at least 18 shillings.'