

PRINTABLE QUIZ: SALT & SALT MINING IN CHESHIRE

1. Cheshire became a major salt-producing area because it sits on:
 - A. Coal seams
 - B. Thick natural salt beds
 - C. Volcanic rocks

2. At the Lion Salt Works, salt was mainly produced by:
 - A. Evaporating brine in large open pans
 - B. Crushing rock salt underground
 - C. Filtering salt from seawater

3. The towns ending in “-wich” (like Northwich and Middlewich) are historically linked to:
 - A. Brewing beer
 - B. Salt production
 - C. Ironworking

4. Brine is:
 - A. Fresh water heated in pans
 - B. Naturally salty water drawn from underground
 - C. Water mixed with sand

5. Winsford is well known for having:
 - A. A major rock salt mine
 - B. A historic dockyard
 - C. A famous pottery industry

6. The ponds created when the ground sinks due to dissolved salt beneath are called:
- A. Flashes
 - B. Wells
 - C. Marshes
7. In the early days, heat used to evaporate the brine at salt works mainly came from:
- A. Coal-fired furnaces
 - B. Solar heaters
 - C. Natural hot springs
8. For centuries, a major use of salt was:
- A. Preserving food
 - B. Making glass
 - C. Cleaning fabrics
9. Which waterway was especially important for transporting Cheshire salt?
- A. The Grand Union Canal
 - B. The Weaver Navigation
 - C. The Oxford Canal
10. Salt is important for our bodies because it helps:
- A. Strengthen our bones
 - B. Regulate fluid balance and nerve function
 - C. Improve eyesight

Email your answers to k.glendining@btinternet.com. All the correct ones will go in a draw for the prize. Closing Date 4th August 2026