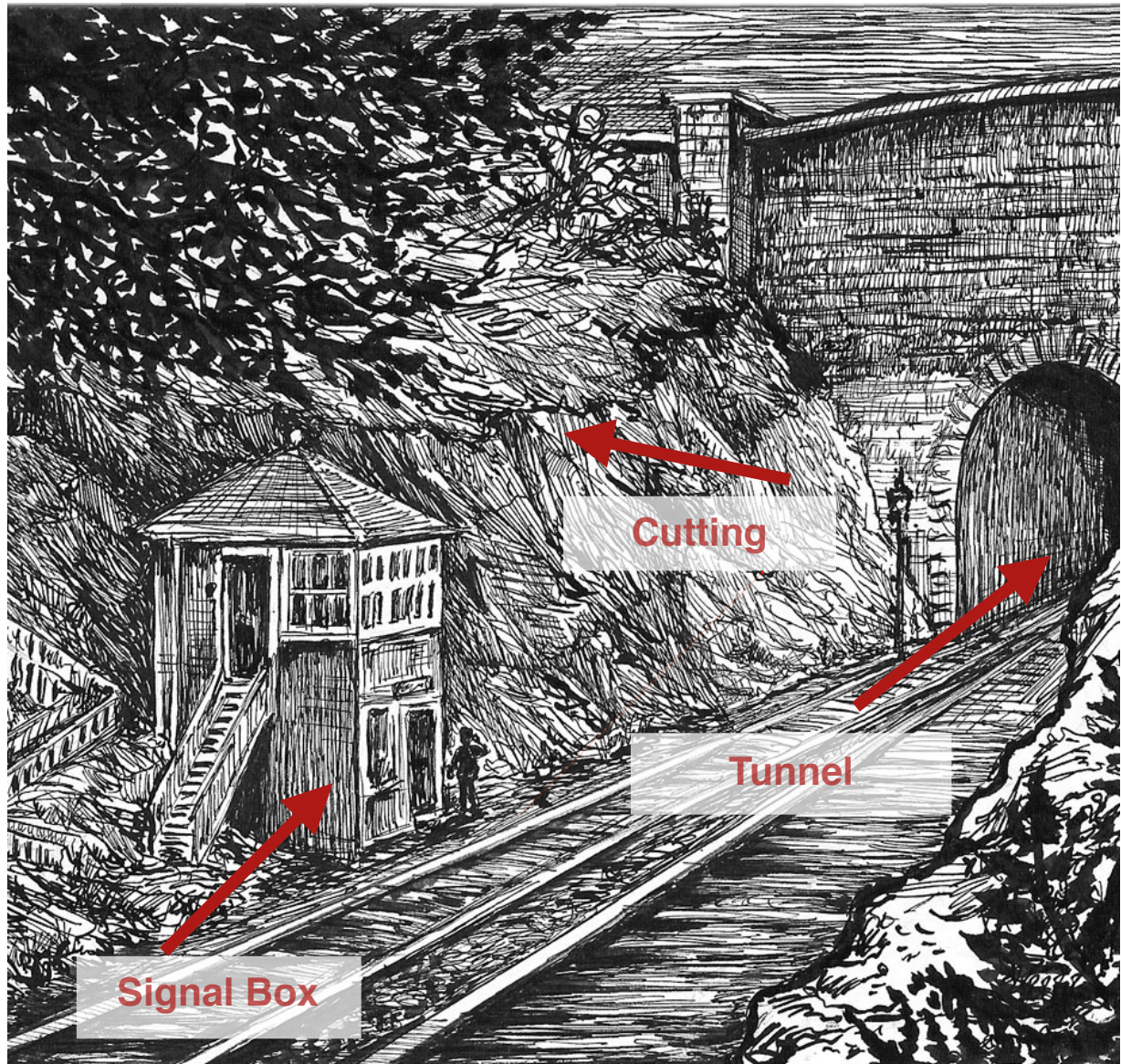


## Before Reading **The Signalman** by Charles Dickens



The signalman works down on a railway line beside a **tunnel**. To reach his **signal box**, he must climb down a path in **cutting**. From the signal box he can communicate by **telegraph** with other signal-men up and down the line.

If there is danger, the signalman warns the drivers of oncoming trains. He does this by walking onto the **track** carrying a red 'danger light'.

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### Quick Check: Choose the correct word

1. Trains travel under ground through *tunnels*/signals.
2. Trains travel on *tracks*/signals.
3. A signalman works in a *tunnel*/signal box.
4. He can send *telegraph*/text messages to other signalmen.
5. A red 'danger light' is carried by the *train driver*/signalman.