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Introduction

What do you think when you look at metal?
It is very cold and hard,
so it cannot be bent.
But some people bend metal for a job.
They heat the metal so it is easy to bend.



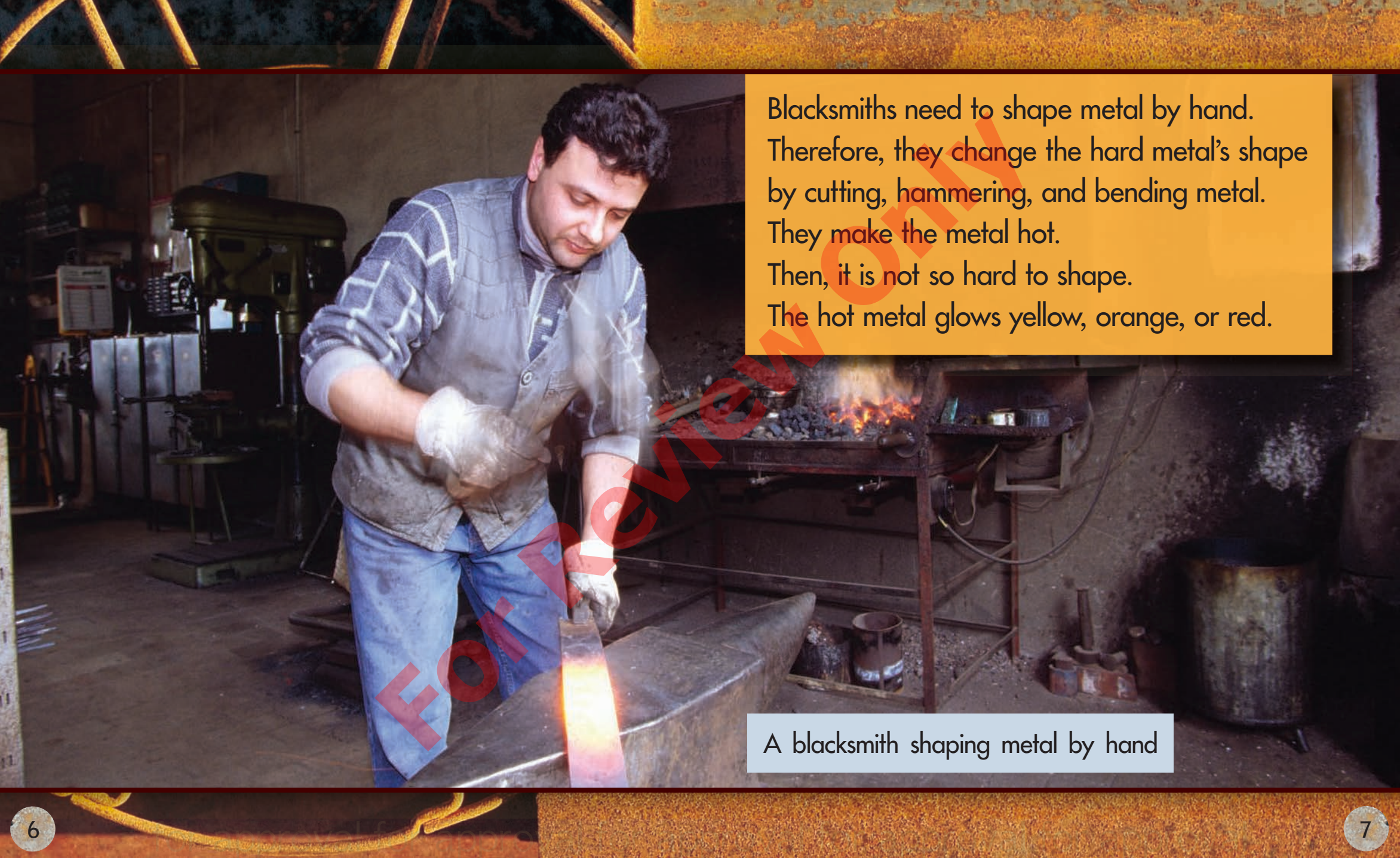
Bending metal
is easier when it is hot.

Bend It like Blacksmiths

People who bend metal for a job are called blacksmiths. Blacksmiths need to be very strong because it is hot, hard work. Blacksmiths have to be able to bend heavy metal because they need to make new shapes and objects.



A blacksmith bending hot metal



Blacksmiths need to shape metal by hand. Therefore, they **change** the hard metal's shape by cutting, **hammering**, and bending metal. They **make** the metal hot. Then, it is **not** so hard to shape. The hot metal glows yellow, orange, or red.

A blacksmith shaping metal by hand