

WW2 Rationing Race



Objective

- To gain a better understanding of food rationing in WW2 Britain.



Equipment

- Enrich School Orienteering Map
- Orienteering control markers
- Activity Sheet
- Food Cards



Preparation

- Teachers can use the prepared Activity Sheet.
- Alternatively, they can select a specific set of orienteering control points for this activity and insert the numbers for these control points into the editable Activity Sheet.
- Children could do this activity in small groups.
- Provide each pair/group with a copy of the Activity Sheet and an Enrich School Orienteering Map.
- Print off a set of food cards for each group and have them ready at the activity start/end point.



Instructions

- Children use their school orienteering map to locate the control points identified on their Activity Sheet.
- At each control point, they record the 1st letter to collect one ration coupon. The object is for teams to collect as many rationing tokens as they can in the time available.
- After the groups have had enough time to collect several coupons, the teacher signals the end of the activity. (There are a maximum of 10 coupons that they can collect, but the activity will work most effectively if groups do not have enough time to collect all 10.)
- Each group can then select one food card for each rationing coupon that they have collected. (NB they should discuss and agree on their choices as a group.)
- Groups then take turns to explain their choices to the rest of the class.



Other information

- This activity could introduce a discussion of why rationing was introduced in Britain during WW2, rationing choices for people in Britain, the types of recipes that people cooked etc.

