

# Rationing in WW2



Before Second World War 2 began, Britain imported over 50 million tons of food from many different countries every year.



Britain stopped importing food when the war started because ships bringing the food were destroyed by German submarines.



The government knew that this would lead to a shortage of food, so rationing was introduced in January 1940.



Rationing meant that each person could buy only a fixed amount of certain foods each week.

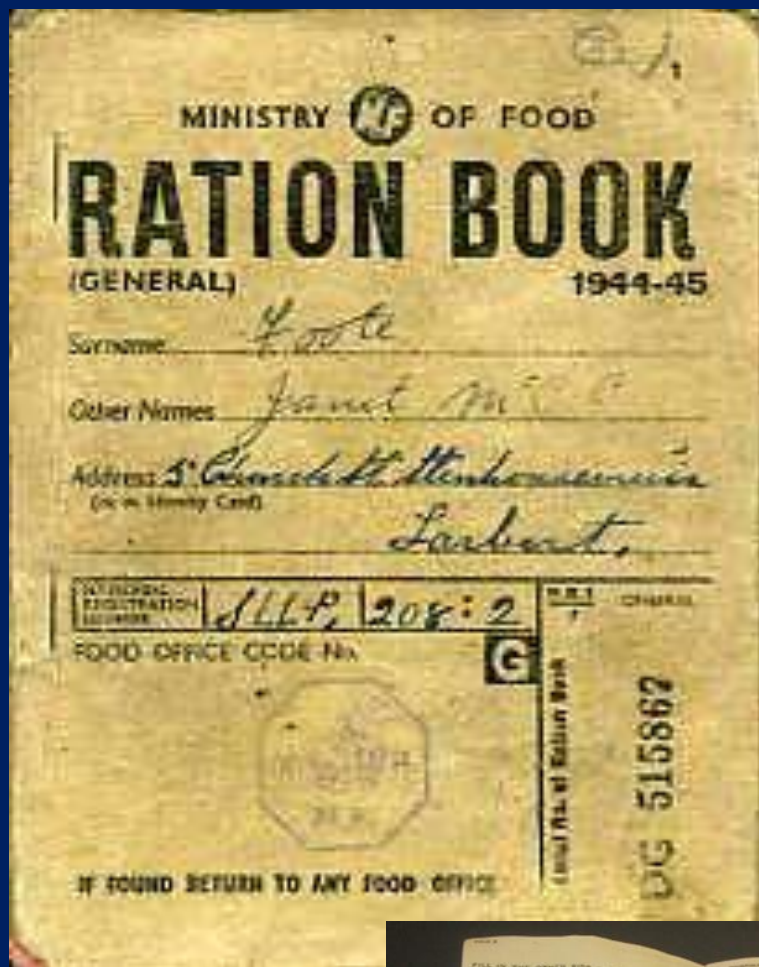




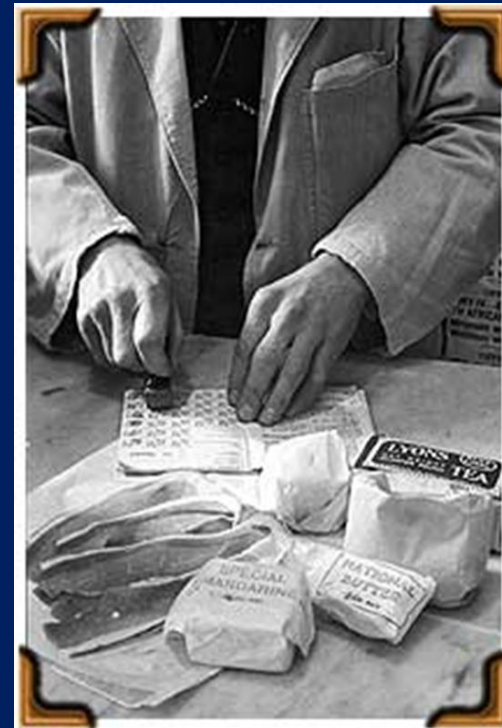


Rationing means  
a fair share for all of us

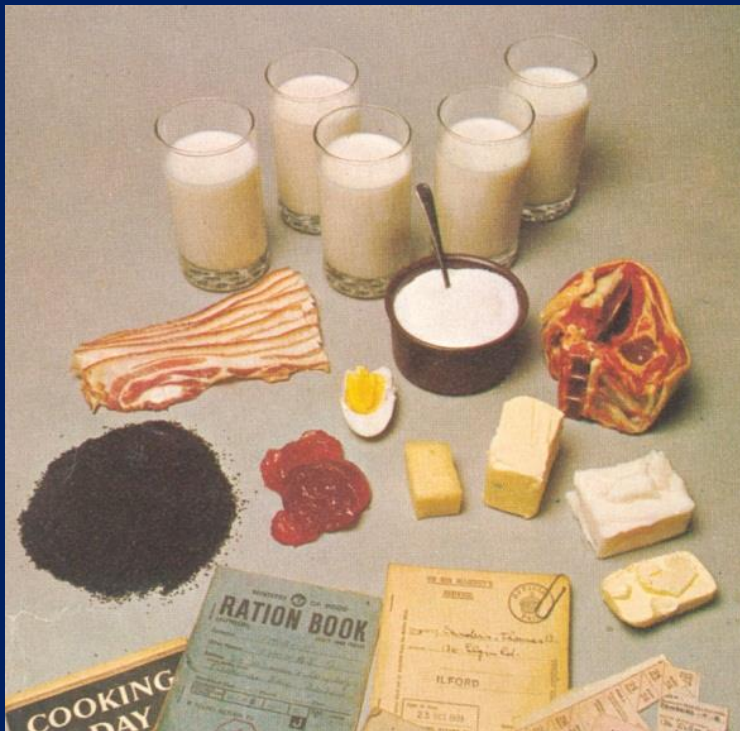




Everyone was given a ration book.  
The book contained coupons.  
The coupons were used instead of money to 'buy' food.



Rationed food included butter, sugar, tea, meat, eggs, cheese, jam, sweets and milk. Potatoes, fruit and fish were not rationed.







People started to grow their own food.  
Gardens and parks were used to grow  
vegetables to eat at home.

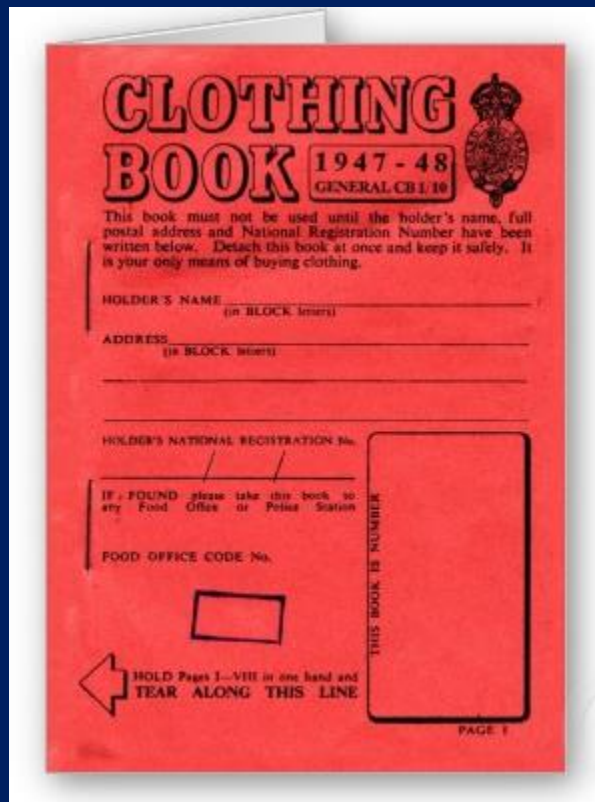




Any food waste was collected in large bins and used to feed pigs and other animals.

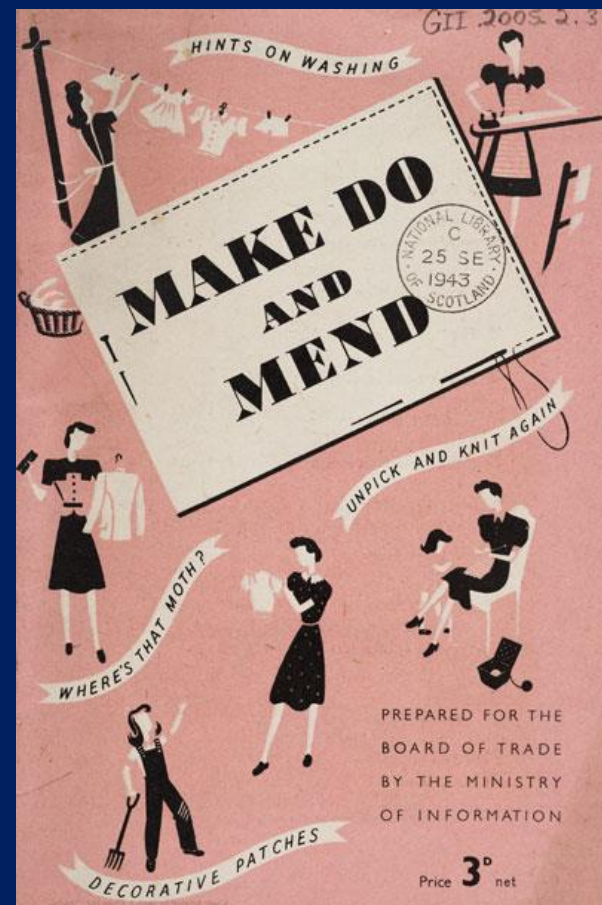
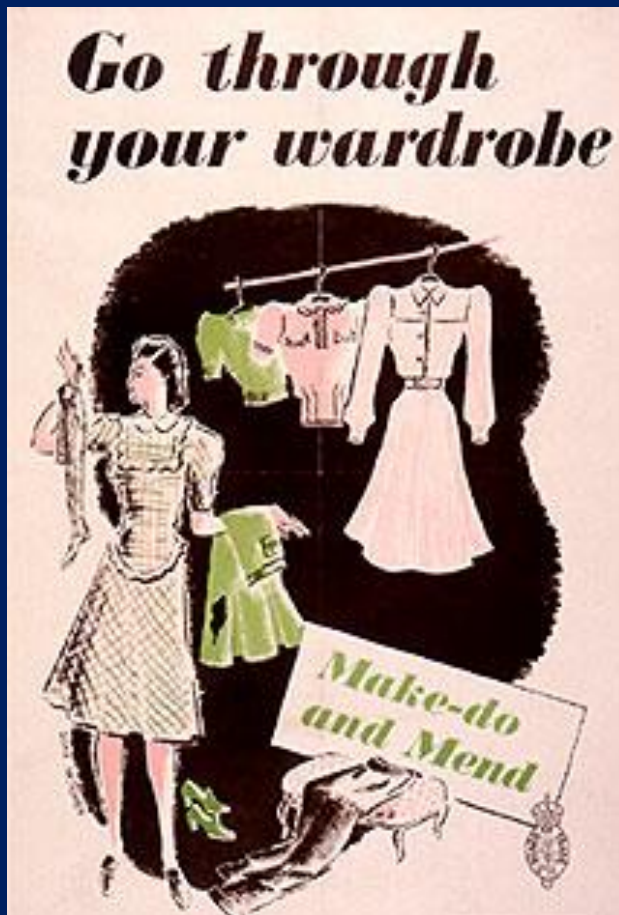


Clothes were rationed from 1941. There was a shortage of material to make clothes.





People were encouraged to 'make do and mend'.



Food rationing lasted until 1954 in Britain.



# Your writing task

- You have explain 'rationing' to a child of your own age who knows nothing about it.
- Research a little about rationing – these are some of the good sites for children:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/war/rationing.htm>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/war/rationing3.html>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/war/rationing2.html>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gb9U9Qg\\_T0Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gb9U9Qg_T0Q)

- Plan your writing – a template is on the next slide that will help you think of ideas.
- Create a draft of your report explaining rationing – this could be a formal piece of writing (like our recounts to the Egyptian Museum) or an information leaflet or even a poster – you can choose. Once you have written your report, don't forget to edit and improve it!
- Read it to someone at home to see if they can help you improve it too.
- Publish your final letter and don't forget, we would love to see it.

<u><b>What was rationing in WW2?</b></u>
<u><b>Why did we have rationing?</b></u>
<u><b>What types of food were rationed?</b></u>
<u><b>What else was rationed?</b></u>
<u><b>What was not rationed?</b></u>
<u><b>Examples of meals.</b></u>