

Rationing Trail

1. Imported goods



**Make your way to the back of the exhibition space and look out for the tank.
Find Silo 4: *Empire, Commonwealth and War*.**

Look inside and find the case called ‘Working for Victory’ containing the model ship.

Before and during both world wars, Britain brought in food and other supplies from abroad.



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This photograph shows a lady working in Barbados. She is collecting sugar canes which are grown there.

Sugar was sent to other countries like Britain during the Second World War.

Look at the items in the cabinet to identify three other things that were brought into Britain from other countries.

Clue: Read the framed scroll

How do you think these items were transported to Britain?

Name of country	Item

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Next, find the start of the '1939-1945 Second World War' section of our timeline.

Nearby you will see a very large, round object made from metal.

Draw it here:

What is it? **S** _ _ **M** _ _ _

What might happen to ships carrying supplies to Britain in the Second World War because of this device?

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It soon became very difficult to bring in food and supplies by ship. This meant that Britain had to introduce rationing.

What is rationing?

2. Food rationing



Find the case 'War Effort 1939 – 1945' in the Second World War section of the Timeline.

Can you find the food ration books?

Using the ration book to help you, circle the foods below that were rationed during the Second World War.

MEAT SUGAR CHEESE
WATER BREAD EGGS POTATOES



Did you know that just because an item was not rationed, this did not mean that it was easy to buy?



This photograph shows people queuing up to buy fresh fish.

It was also difficult to buy things like bread, fruit and vegetables.

Sometimes people waited for a long time in the queue only to find that the shopkeeper had sold out.



Look for object number 7 in the cabinet.

Why do you think the eggs are in a tin?

What other items were rationed as well as food?

Look in the case for clues.

3. Clothes rationing



In 1941 you received **33 clothing coupons** for the first six months of the year. The suit below would have used **18 coupons**.



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Read the information about object number 2 in the case.

If you bought the suit in the photograph and a pair of adult slippers, how many coupons would you have used?

Of your **33 coupons**, how many would you have left?

People were not able to buy many new clothes. Instead they had to:

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Clue: Look for object number 6 in the cabinet



What item of footwear can you see in the cabinet?

Draw them here:

What are they made from?

4. Toys



Look out for the handmade toy dog given to Maureen Watts by her father. It is in the case near the AV-8A Harrier Jet.

Who made the toy dog and what is it made from?

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