

Make Do and Mend Quiz Questions

1. Rationing started because German submarines stopped Britain getting supplies from abroad.

TRUE or FALSE?

Answer

TRUE – The submarines waited for ships carrying supplies to Britain from America and Canada. They sunk many ships and stopped food, clothing and important materials like metal getting to Britain.

2. Clothes rationing started in June 1939.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Answer

FALSE – It started in June 1941 and was kept secret to stop people rushing to the shops and buying everything

3. Everyone was given a clothing coupon book with 100 coupons for the whole year.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Answer

FALSE – Adults had only 66 coupons but children had 76. By 1944, adults only received 48 coupons for the whole year.

4. From 1942, men's socks couldn't be more than 22cm long!

TRUE OR FALSE?

Answer

TRUE - In 1942 the government started something called a 'Utility Scheme'. It meant that people making clothes had to stick to rules about how much fabric they could use.

5. It was illegal to tear clothing coupons out of your book yourself when waiting to pay in a shop- the person selling the clothes had to do it for you.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Answer

TRUE – You could get in trouble with the wartime police, if you tore out your own coupons. It was also a way to stop people losing or stealing coupons!

6. One of the biggest problems for people looking after their woolly clothes was bugs, especially moths. They would lay eggs and eat big holes in your jumpers!

TRUE OR FALSE?

Answer

TRUE – moths liked warm, dark places like wardrobes and cupboards so Make Do and Mend leaflets told people to get their jumpers out every month and shake them!

7. Make Do and Mend leaflets told people to polish their shoes in the sunshine.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Answer

TRUE- the warm sun would make the polish runny so you could make your shoes shiny with only a tiny bit of polish. Very clever!

8. People were told to always carry a needle and thread with them for emergency mending!

TRUE OR FALSE?

Answer

TRUE- If you had a button falling off you could fix it straight away - if you lost it you would have to save up and buy a new one.

9. 'Make Do and Mend' was a message or 'slogan' used to encourage people to buy more clothes in the shops.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Answer

FALSE – It was used on posters and leaflets to persuade people to mend and repair what they already had instead of throwing them away. This would save them money and clothing coupons!

10. During the war, people recycled as much as they could. A 'rag and bone' man even went round the streets collecting rags, bones and paper.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Answer

TRUE – All these things were recycled. Paper and fabric was in really short supply.