

### Questions

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### Answers

1. Which government department issued ration books?

**The Ministry of Food issued ration books.**

2. What sort of items were rationed during the Second World War?

**Food, clothing and petrol were rationed during World War Two.**

3. Look at the date on the child's ration book. Why was food still rationed at this time?

**Food was rationed in the early 1950s as trade and manufacture had not yet recovered fully from the War.**

4. What were some of the advantages and disadvantages of rationing?

#### Advantages

**People got 'fair shares' of rationed products**

**Poorer people had a better diet**

**People's diets were healthier**

#### Disadvantages

**Less variety of food**

**Less food**

5. How did the gas mask work?

**The gas mask worked by filtering the air through the cylinder at the front of the mask.**

6. There was never a gas attack in Britain. Can you think why not?

**There was never a gas attack in Britain because the Germans realised that Britain was very well prepared for gas attacks so there would be little point in launching an attack.**

7. Why were children evacuated to Northumberland during World War Two?

**Northumberland was classed as a 'safe area' for evacuation.**

8. Why was RAF Boulmer built?

**RAF Boulmer was built as a decoy airfield.**

9. What are Hurricanes?

**Hurricanes are a type of aeroplane.**

10. What were the first Hurricanes at RAF Boulmer made of?

**The first Hurricanes at RAF Boulmer were made of canvas and plywood.**

11. Why did the UK need the string of bases along the east coast?

**The UK need the string of bases along the east coast as defence against attack from Europe.**

12. What equipment was most important to the UK defences and why?

**Radar equipment was most important to the UK defences, to monitor enemy aircraft.**