



Farming

It is really interesting to hear how life on a farm has changed over time and the RESP archive includes memories from people who can remember a time before tractors, when all the work was done by working horses and many farms had a dairy herd and produced milk in their own dairies. Many more people worked on the land then, and the whole family would be involved with making sure the farm work was done.

Listen to Irene Brown (aged 84) talking about her memories of working on farms. Listen very carefully and see if you can answer the questions below. (Write your answers in the space below each question.)

- What time did Irene sometimes have to get up in the morning?
- What kind of farms do you think Irene worked on?
- Irene is talking about testing something on the farms she visited. What do you think she was testing?

Listen to the second very short clip where May Fraser talks about her first memory. Listen carefully and answer the questions below.

- What was May's first memory?
- Can you think of any jobs round the farm that you would like to do as a farmer?
- What is your first memory?

TASK:

Think about interviewing a friend or a parent or teacher and ask them to describe their first memory to you.

Use the space below to describe their first memory?

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TASK:

Farming has changed over time but continues to play an important role in providing us with food and other resources. Draw a picture of something you would find on a farm, such as an animal, a piece of machinery, or a building. Or you could draw a plan of the farm you would design for yourself.

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Find out more:

If you would like to listen to some more interviews, why not search the RESP website to find out more about life on a farm. HINT try using the search box to search for things like work, farm or farming.

If you would like to hear more from Irene or May you can listen to the rest of their interviews by searching for their names and following the links to their dedicated page. For example, search for May Fraser and then look for the item 'Interviews of 'May Fraser' and click on this.

There are a lot of interviews to listen to on the RESP website and if you are not sure where to start or what to look for the secret is to just start looking and see what catches your interest. Using the search box, experiment with words relating to this worksheet or anything else that takes you interest and then follow the links. There are also other worksheets you can try on the Kids Only page that might give you some ideas.