

# Great Outdoors: 1947 Winter Memories

## Activity Information Sheet:

**Activity:**

Memories of the severe winter of 1947

**Duration:**

10 minutes

**Resources:**

A collection of recordings which include sound effects and spoken word.

A printable PDF of photos to talk about, if further prompts are required.

**Extras:**

Notebook or recording device to share stories about the winter of 1947 or other severe weather experiences.

**Activity aim:**

- To listen to a montage of sound clips and stories which describe the extreme weather conditions of 1947's winter.
- To recall stories about winter weather and the effects it has on day to day life.

**Instructions:**

1. Be still and quiet for a minute and listen to the sounds around you.
2. Explain that you are going to listen to some short sound recordings about people's experience of the extreme weather in the winter of 1947.
3. Look at the photos from 1947 showing the snow in a town and in the countryside. Play the sound clip and be prepared to pause and rewind if you need to listen to sections again. There are sound effects of a snowstorm between each speaker to mark suitable places to pause.

**Topics for discussion:**

- Was there ever a time when you were snowed in?
- What's the most extreme weather you have ever experienced?
- What would you say are the best ways of keeping warm in winter?
- Have you ever done something heroic for your family or community?