

Family Activities

What Was Life Like Back Then?

As adults, we know that life back in the early part of the 20th century was so different from today. A great way for your son or daughter to learn about what life was like back then is to talk to people who lived then – it will help bring that time to life, especially if it's someone they know well. Getting younger kids especially to appreciate just HOW different it was back then will help them to make connections to the past when they're at school, or even in their daily lives, and will help them understand the bigger picture of how society progresses through time.

If you have a relative, friends or neighbours who are in their sixties or older, you could arrange for your child to interview them. Alternatively, invite them round and get them talking about their early life – how they played, what was school like, what jobs did their parents do, what did they eat etc. Even better if they have mementos or photos from that time period that they'd be happy to let your child look at or handle.

You could also get your child to make a thank you card, using a poem they've written, or pictures from the internet, showing some of the things they've learned.

