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# People of Blaenavon

Dear Time Traveller,



You have been chosen by your teacher to be transported back in time between the years:

**1920 - 1947**

Your mission is to gather information. You will need to report back to your teacher when you return to the present time.

In the days before computers and electronic gadgets, children still managed to play and have fun! Now you are going to find out what they did with their time.

Listen carefully to Cyril Price on the audio phone talking about the games that children played during the 1920s. Make notes in the speech bubbles.

What did children do in the woods?

What did the boys do which they copied from the 1<sup>st</sup> World War?

What games did girls play?

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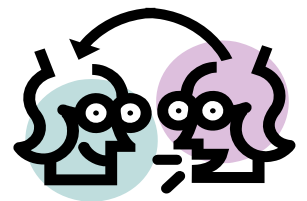
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What happened in the ponds?

How did you win the kite flying competition?

What was bat and catty?



How could you tell that children had been playing trains?

Next listen carefully on the audio phone to Tom Harris who was born in 1925. Tom talks about growing up in Blaenavon in the 1930s and in the second half of his talk he mentions the games he played as a boy.

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How did you win a point at marbles?

Did the toys and games cost a lot of money? If so, why?

Think about the games that you play or things you do for fun. Have you ever played any of the games that Tom and Cyril did when they were children?

Why are games today different to how they were in the past?

Do you think children have more fun today than either Tom and Cyril did? Why?

Do you think that Tom or Cyril would agree with you?  
Discuss your answers with your group.

