

Entertainment: Christmas in the City

Activity Information Sheet:

**Activity:**

A soundscape to listen to

Duration:

10 minutes

Resources:

1 sound clip which can be paused and replayed to clarify and discuss what has been heard.

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

Extras:

Notebook or recording device to share stories about shops and shopping.

Activity aim:

- To listen to a variety of sound clips and stories which describe shops in Leicester around Christmas time.
- To recall stories about shopping at Christmas in cities, towns and villages.

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 which describe how shops and shopping were different at Christmas time. Look at the photos and talk about names of shops and which shops you would visit for groceries, meat, gifts, clothing etc.
3. Play the sound clip. There are sound effects between each speaker which could be a good chance to pause and discuss what you have just heard. The clips include: The Salvation Army carols and Town Hall clock; Granby St. shops (spoken); shop doorbell; The butchers (spoken); shop doorbell; corner shop gifts (spoken); shop doorbell; selling leather goods (spoken); cash till; The Salvation Army.

Topics for discussion:

- What do you like best about visiting a city or town?
- What shops did you / do you like to go to, especially at Christmas?
- What are your favourite carols?
- What present would you buy for yourself? Have you ever made an impulse buy?
- What would you say is the sound of Christmas?