

The Year That Was – 1937

30 Minute Activity Session Plan

**For a complete 1hr program, this activity has been created to be used AFTER listening to The Year That Was: 1937, airing at 10.00am Thursday. If you missed the aired music program you may still find this a useful resource and ignore the language referencing the aired program.*

**This activity is appropriate for residents with no-mild dementia. Some sections may be appropriate for some residents with moderate-late dementia.*

**It is recommended that staff peruse this SM session plan before use to ensure it meets the needs and cognitive abilities of the residents you work with.*

Session Plan:

- 1. Listen to ‘The Year That Was’ on Silver Memories at 10.am Thursday**
- 2. Memory stimulation: *Finish that line***
- 3. Discussion and reminiscence**
- 4. Name the Song**

1. 10.30am-11am Thursday 2nd March, Silver Memories. ‘The Year That Was: 1937’

2. Finish That Line (Memory stimulation)

a) To ‘finish that line’, fill in the blanks to complete the titles of all the songs we listened to in the radio program

Q1. After the opening song As Time Goes By, we heard: The Lambeth _____
A. *Walk*

Q2. The second song was from the musical Shall We Dance, and was called: They All _____
A. *Laughed*

Q3. The third song was Bing Crosby's number one hit that year:
Sweet _____

A. *Leilani*

Q4. After Duke Ellington's 'Caravan' we heard an orchestral
piece: Crown Imperial _____

A. *March*

Q5. Then we heard the theme song to the popular serial: Dad and

A. *Dave*

Q6. The last song we heard was Bing Crosby's: The Moon got in

A. *My Eyes*

3. Discussions and reminiscence

Questions...

- What did you enjoy most about the radio program today?
- Did you learn anything new?
- Did you know any or all of the songs?
- Which songs did you enjoy the most?
- It was mentioned in the program that caravans became quite popular to buy because Australians were looking for cheap ways to holidays. Did anyone remember going away in a caravan when they were young?
- Has anyone travelled in a caravan since? Maybe around Australia?
- Can you recall a favourite holiday experience or destinations?

4. Name That Song: There were many songs mentioned in the program that were not played. Can you name the correct song after hearing only a few lines? (Facilitator to read song lines and residents to guess the song title)

1. You say either (ee-ther) and I say either (eye-ther)
You say neither (knee-ther) and I say neither (Ny-ther)
Either, either,

Neither, neither

Song: Let's Call the Whole Thing Off, by Louis Armstrong

2. To every word of love I heard you whisper
The raindrops seemed to play a sweet refrain
Though spring is here, to me it's still September
Song: That September in the Rain, by Guy Lombardo

3. But don't change a hair for me
Not if you care for me
Stay little valentine stay
Each day is Valentine's day...
Song: My Funny Valentine, Frank Sinatra

4. I long to hold you near and kiss you just once more
But you were on the ship and I was on the shore...
Song: Harbour Lights

5. She gets too hungry for dinner at eight
She likes the theatre and never comes late
She never bothers with people she'd hate...
Song: The lady is a Tramp

6. And so it seems that we have met before
And laughed before, and loved before
But who knows...
Song: Where or When? Frank Sinatra