

Making Haystacks – Past & Present

An activity of "The traditional haystacks of Romania".

In the past, farmers in Romania made haystacks to store as food for their animals during the winter. Due to modernisation, making haystacks is now a dying tradition. The haystack meadows have a rich variety of wild plants and animals. Now that there are fewer haystacks, biodiversity of hay meadows is affected. What can be done to keep the practice of haystack-making alive among the young? Read "The traditional haystacks of Romania" (page 18, *What's Up* May 2025). Work in small groups of three to five members.

- A. Using the *What's Up* story, list the differences between the past and present situations of storing hay for the colder months in Romania.

Storing Hay in Romania		
	The past	The present
1. Manpower		
2. Method		
3. Biodiversity of hay meadows		

- B. In your small group, discuss what can be done to bring back haystack-making among the younger generation in Romania. Jot down your answers here ↓.

Reviving Haystack-making Among The Young	
1. Manpower	
2. Method	
3. Others	

- C. Use the internet to find out about traditions in Singapore that are dying due to modernisation. The traditions could involve food preparation, festival celebrations, housing, family life, and so on. As a group, select one local tradition that all members feel is worth keeping alive. What can be done to make it popular again?

- D. Present to the class your group's ideas for reviving your chosen tradition.