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VE Day

It has been over 75 years since the first VE Day. VE Day stands for Victory in Europe Day. The day marks the end of the Second World War in Europe. People remember everyone who lived during the war and the soldiers who fought.

Victory in Europe

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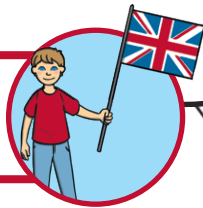
How Did People Celebrate the First VE Day?

People listened to the prime minister on the wireless. A wireless was a radio.

Church bells rang to share the news.



They danced and waved flags.



People set off fireworks



Everyone made food to share at street



People hung bunting and banners in the street.



People wore red, white and blue to look like the British flag.

Many people waited outside Buckingham Palace to see the King.



London was very busy on VE Day.

Questions

1. When is VE Day? Tick one.
 - 2nd May
 - 8th May
 - 3rd March
2. What does VE Day stand for? Tick one.
 - Victory in Everything Day
 - Victory in England Day
 - Victory in Europe Day
3. What does VE Day mark? Tick one.
 - people being happy
 - the end of the war in Europe
 - church bells ringing
4. What was hung in the streets? Tick one.
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 - bells
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VE Day

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Victory in Europe

Germany agreed to stop the war on 7th May 1945. The next day became a day of celebration called Victory in Europe Day. It marked the end of many hard years of war so people were very excited.

How Did People Celebrate the First VE Day?

There were lots of celebrations across the country.

- People ran out into the streets and hung bunting and banners.
- Everyone made food to share with each other at street parties.
- People wore red, white and blue to look like the British flag.
- They sang songs, danced and waved flags.





- London was very busy on VE Day. The city centre was full of people.
- Crowds of people filled Trafalgar Square and waited outside Buckingham Palace to see the King.
- People listened to the prime minister on the wireless at 3 o'clock. A wireless was a radio.
- Church bells rang across the country to share the good news.
- People also set off fireworks into the night sky.



Questions

1. How many years has it been since the first VE day? Tick one.

over 25

over 75

over 95

2. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

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stop the war...

day of celebration.

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It marked the
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on 7th May 1945.

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4. **Crowds of people filled** _____.

Tick one.

Trafalgar Square

the church

Buckingham Palace

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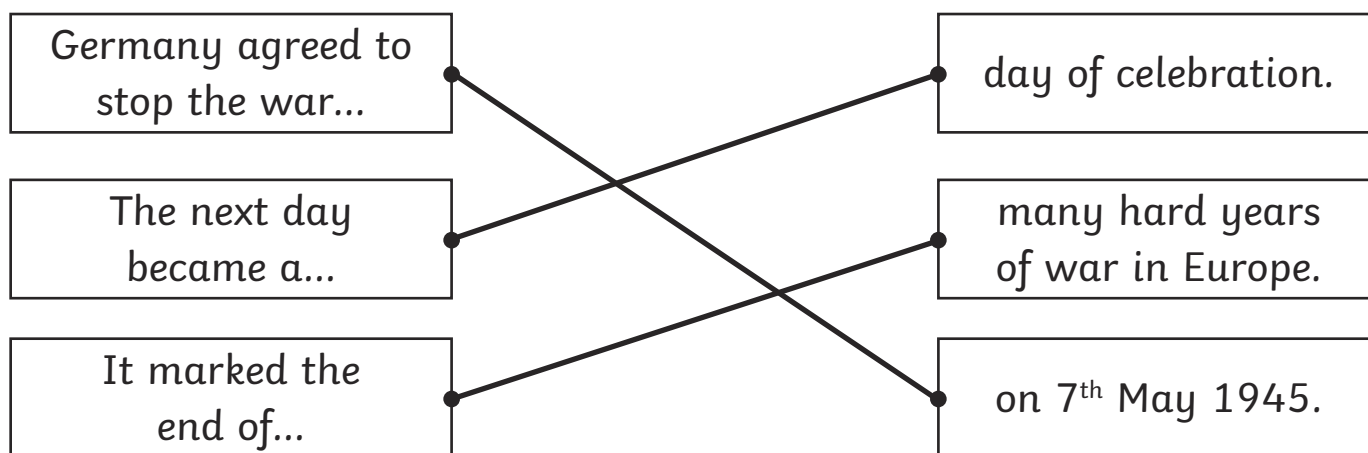
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People listened to the prime minister at 3 o'clock on the wireless.



VE Day

It has been over 75 years since the first VE Day in 1945. VE Day is short for Victory in Europe Day. The day is marked to remember the end of the Second World War in Europe. People also remember the bravery and hardships of those who lived during the time as well as the soldiers who fought.

Victory in Europe

Germany **surrendered** and agreed to end the war on 7th May 1945. The next day was Tuesday 8th May and this became a day of celebration called Victory in Europe Day. It marked the end of many hard years of war so people were overjoyed.

How Did People Celebrate the First VE Day?

- People gathered in the streets. They hung bunting and banners.
- Everyone made food to share with each other at street parties. They sang songs, danced and waved flags.
- People even wore red, white and blue which are the colours of the British flag.
- The capital city became very busy on VE day. Anyone who could get to London did so. They watched parades and celebrated together. Crowds of people filled Trafalgar Square. Others waited outside Buckingham Palace to see the King appear.



- Some people believe that Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret even slipped out of Buckingham Palace to join in with the celebrations in London.
- People listened to the prime minister on the wireless at 3 o'clock. Winston Churchill said, "My dear friends, this is your hour. It's a victory of the great British nation."
- Church bells rang across the entire country to share the good news.
- People also set off fireworks and lit bonfires.

Did You Know...?

The war may have been over in Europe but it continued in other parts of the world for a number of months until September 1945.



Glossary

surrendered: Gave up fighting.

Questions

1. Fill in the missing word.

It has been over 75 years since the _____ VE Day in 1945.

2. What do we remember on VE Day each year? Tick one.

- the end of the First World War in Europe
- the end of the Second World War in Europe
- the end of the Third World War in Europe

3. What happened on 7th May 1945?

4. Which of these colours did people wear on VE Day? Tick **two**.

- red
- green
- white

5. What is a wireless?

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A wireless is a radio.

6. Explain **two** ways that people celebrated on the first VE Day.

Pupils' own responses, such as: People celebrated the first VE Day by making food to share at street parties and by singing songs.