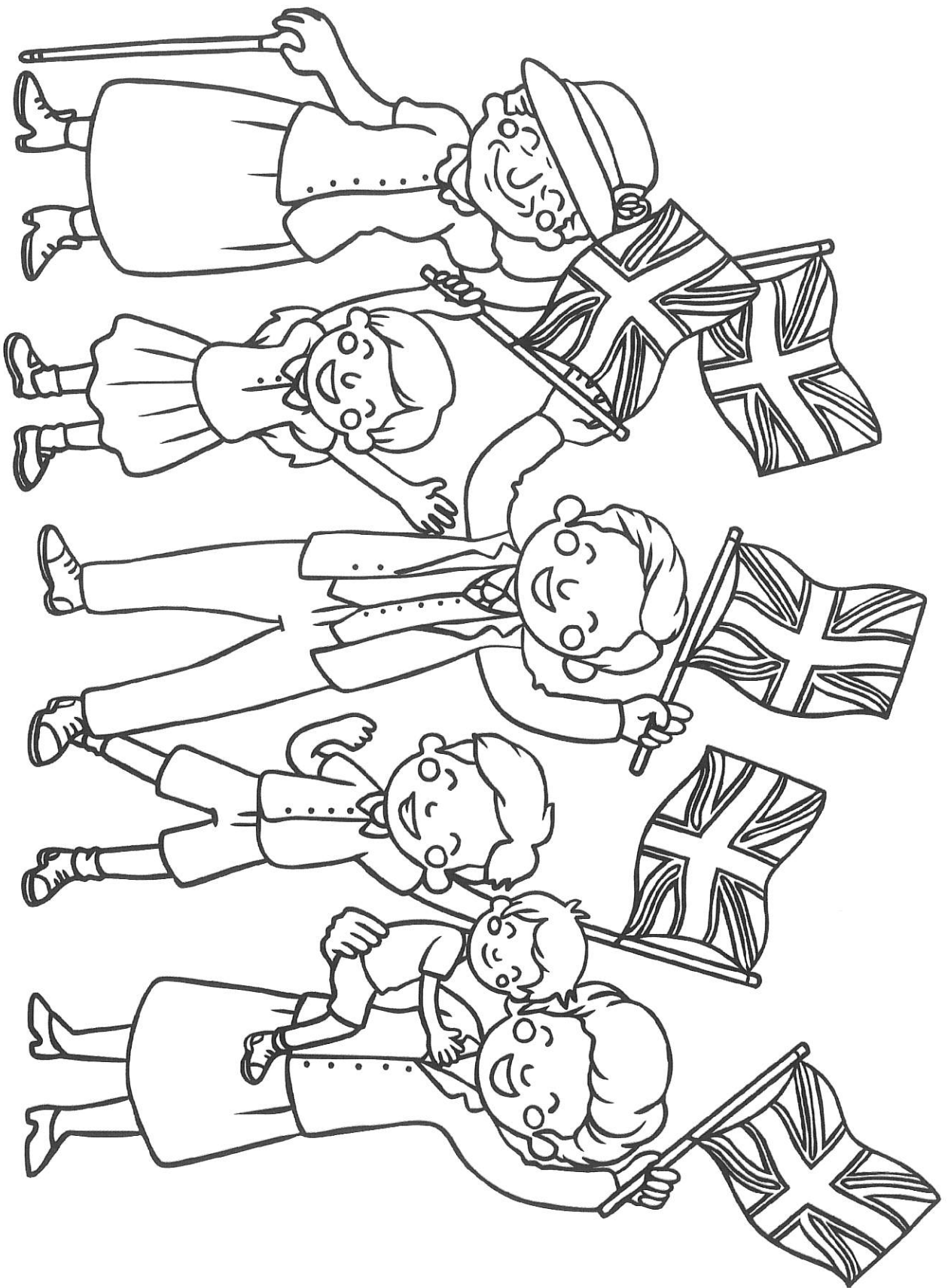




Victory in Europe Day

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- VE Day is a day to remember the end of the Second World War.
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- It is a day to remember the soldiers who were in the war.

Time to Celebrate

- VE Day is always on May 8th.
- On May 7th 1945, Germany **surrendered** the war.
- People **celebrated** with street parties.
- People wore red, white and blue – the colours of the British flag.
- People waved flags.

Glossary

celebrate – to do something special for a special occasion

surrender – to agree to stop fighting



Questions

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Victory in Europe Day is usually called _____.

☐ VE Day☐ Peace Day☐ PE Day

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3. When is VE Day? Tick one.

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4. What did people do to celebrate VE Day? Tick two.

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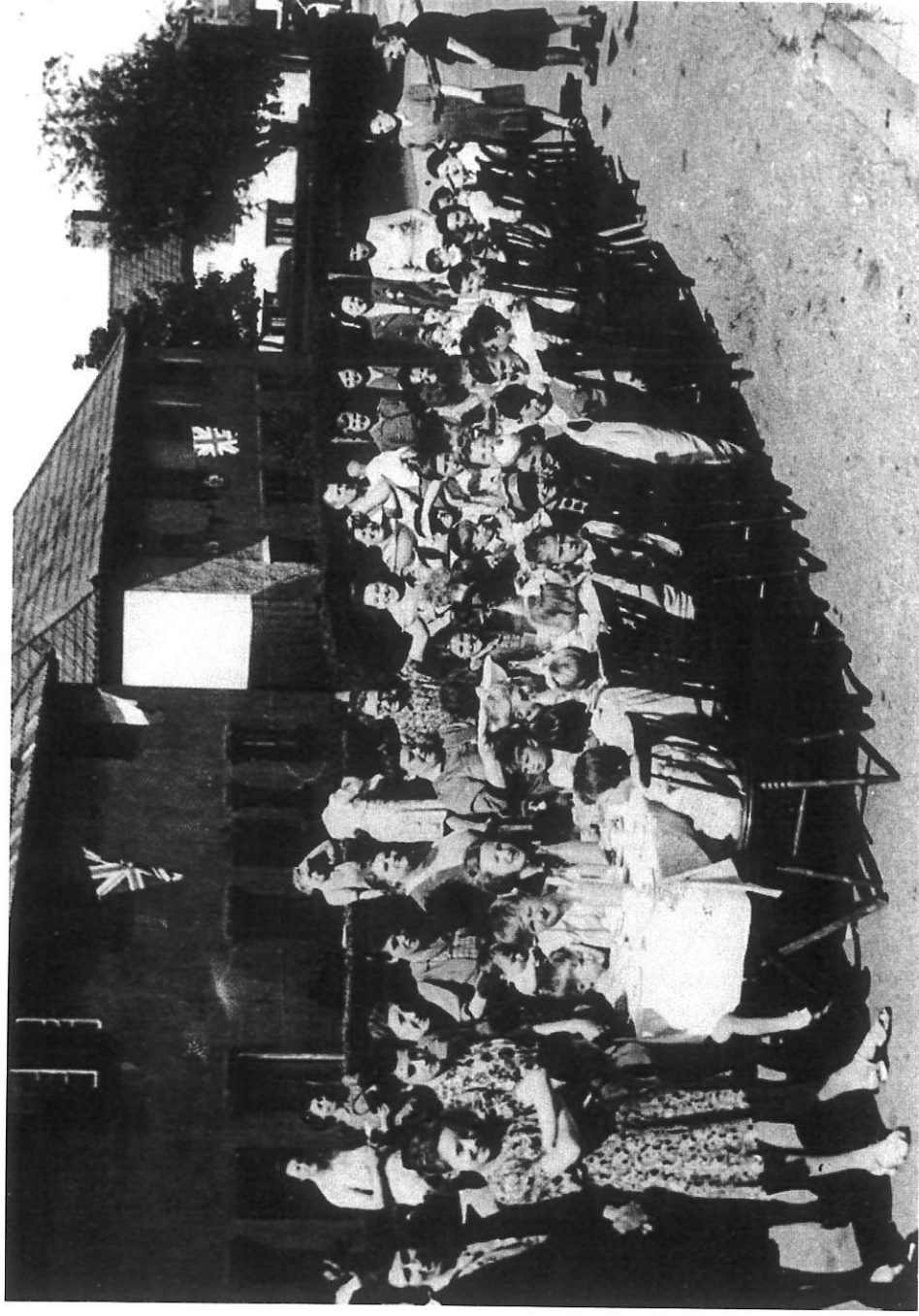
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VE Day Street Party Diary

Your task is to choose **one** person from this street party on 8th May, 1945 and write a diary entry for them about how they felt about the war ending.



A successful diary entry should answer the following from your chosen person's view:

- Have they seen the Blitz?
- Do they know someone fighting?
- Have they lost anyone in the war?
- How have they coped with rationing?
- How do they feel about the Germans?
- Have they been evacuated?
- Do they expect things to now return to normal?
- Has the war changed the world?

Make sure to include the key words below.

'The Blitz'	ration	evacuee	Hitler	soldiers	Churchill	letters
Germans	blackout	King George VI	'The Hun'	'The Front'	Union flags	wireless

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- It is a day to remember the courage of the soldiers who fought during the war.

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- On May 7th 1945, Germany **surrendered** the war.
- The first VE Day took place on May 8th 1945.
- At 3pm on May 8th 1945, the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, made a speech to **announce** the end of the war.



How Did People Celebrate the First VE Day?

People travelled to London for parades, dancing, singing and fireworks. The centre of London was filled with people wearing red, white and blue and waving flags. There were street parties all over the country.

Glossary

announce – to tell people about something important

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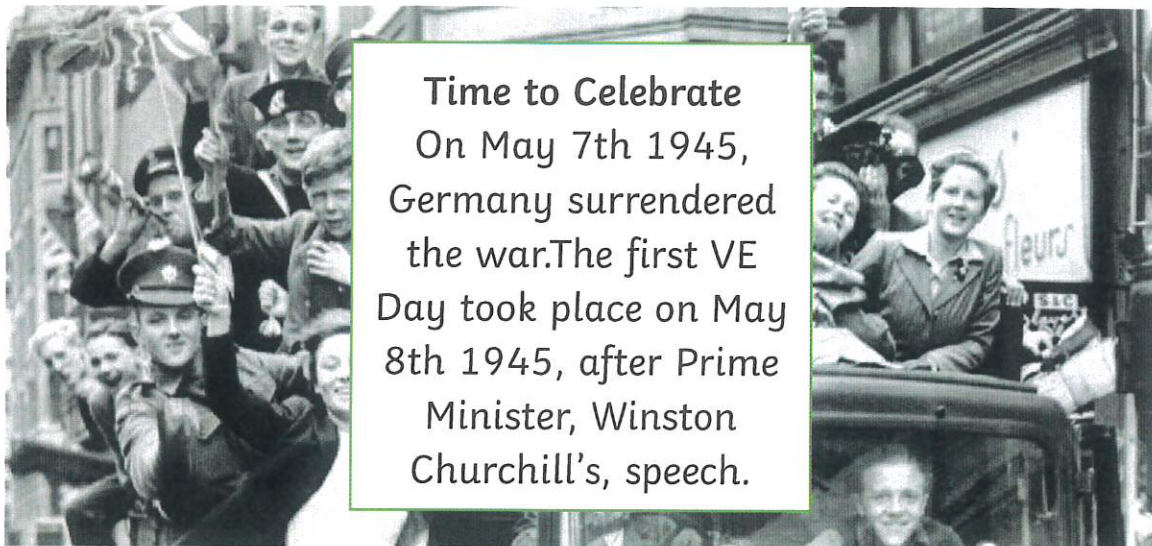
Victory in Europe Day

Victory in Europe Day is also known as VE Day. VE day is a day to commemorate the end of the Second World War. We remember the courage, suffering and endurance of those who lived during the war. We also remember the soldiers who fought in the war and those who lost their lives.



Did You Know?

The Second World War lasted for six years. It was a war that involved countries from all around the world. The war started in Europe in 1939, when Nazi Germany invaded the country of Poland. The people of Britain fought Nazi Germany for their freedom.



Time to Celebrate
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"My dear friends, this is your hour. It's a victory of the great British nation."

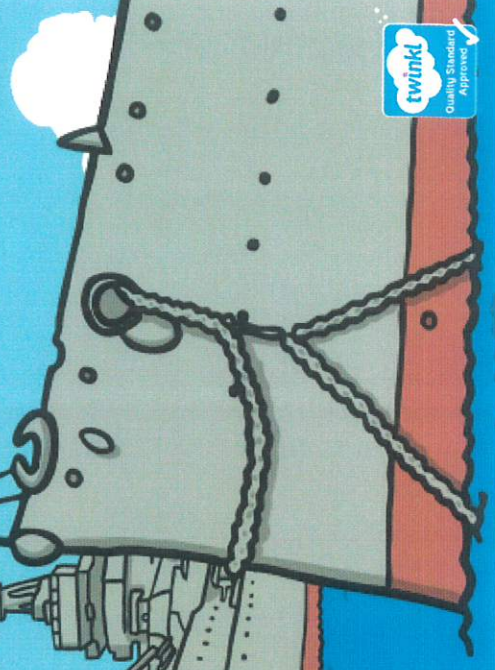
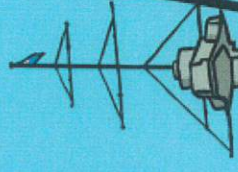
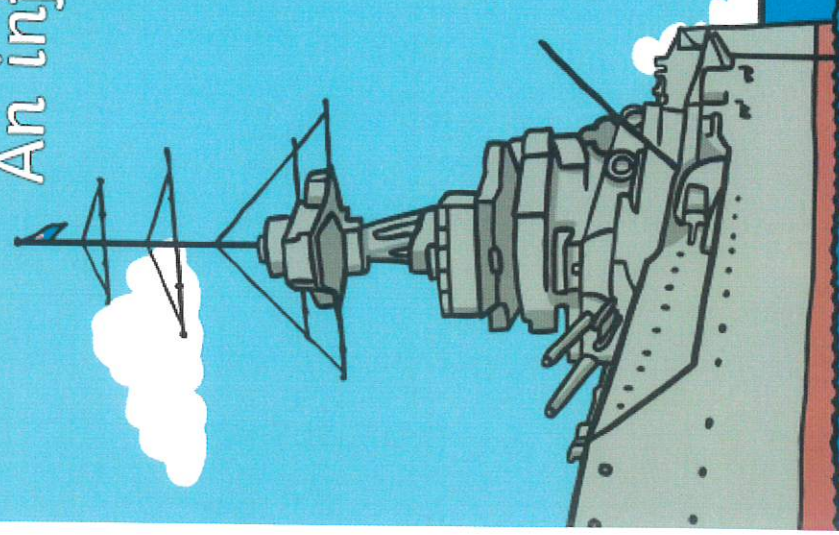
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VE Day Victory

An informative PowerPoint about Victory
in Europe Day.



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Victory in Europe



Victory in Europe Day/VE Day took place on May 8th 1945. It was a public holiday and day of celebration to mark the defeat of Germany by the Allied forces in Second World War.

VE Day marked the formal conclusion of the war with Germany and brought to an end six years of suffering, courage and endurance across the world.

Discuss It!

How do you think it felt when the war finally ended?

Time to Celebrate



- People ran out on to the streets, hanging bunting and banners and dancing.
- Church bells pealed across the country to share the news: peace in Europe!
- Everyone brought out food to share at street parties.
- Tuesday May 8th was to be a national day of celebration; Victory in Europe Day.





Time to Celebrate



- The capital city, London, was the place to be on VE Day.
- Anyone who could reach the city did so.
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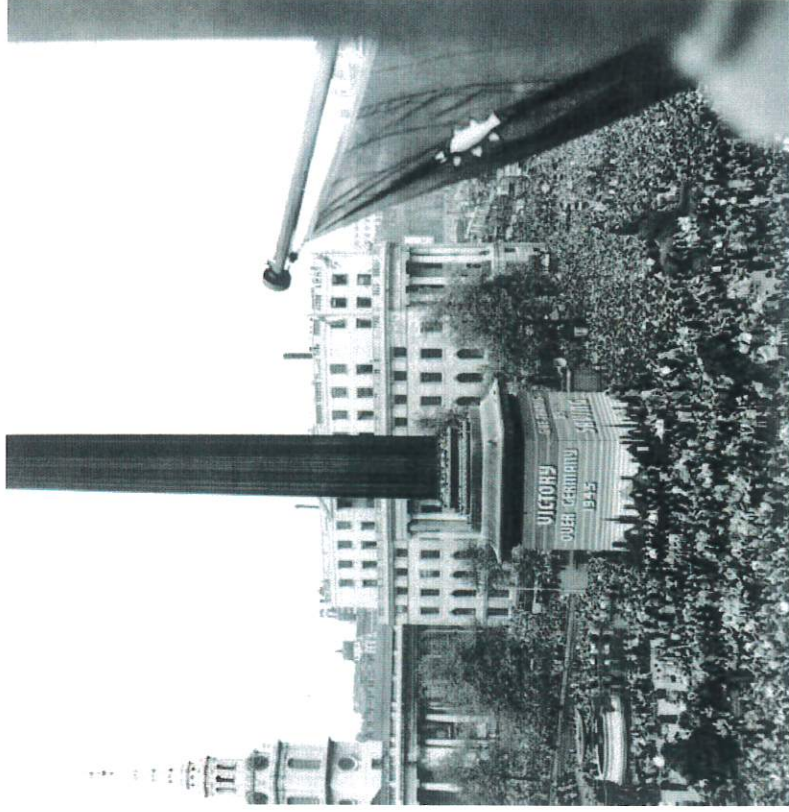
Write a postcard to a missing family member telling them about your VE day celebrations. Draw a picture on the other side to show what you did and what you saw.

"The German War is at an end."



- On VE Day, everyone, both in London and at home sitting by their wireless sets, wanted to hear just one man: Winston Churchill.
- At 3pm the Prime Minister broadcast to the nation: the war was over.

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- Crowds gathered in Trafalgar Square and up The Mall.
- They were waiting for Winston Churchill and King George VI to make an appearance on the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

Try this!

Make your own radio broadcast to announce Victory in Europe. You could even pretend to be Winston Churchill!

"This is your victory!"



- It was to be the first of eight appearances by the King and Queen on VE Day.

- Shortly after Churchill's speech, King George VI, Queen Elizabeth and the two princesses came out onto the balcony at Buckingham Palace.

- Churchill told the crowds: "This is your victory!"



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On what date was Victory in Europe Day?

May 7th 1945

May 8th 2015

May 8th 1945

May 8th 2005

Why did people wear red, white and blue?



They are the colours
of the German flag.

That was all they
could find.

They looked pretty.

They are the colours
of the Union flag.

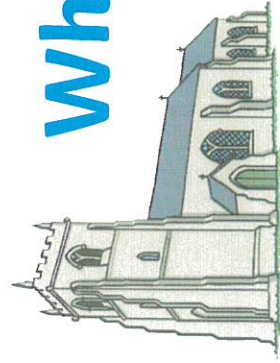
Who mingled secretly with the crowds on VE Day?

Princess Elizabeth and
Princess Margaret

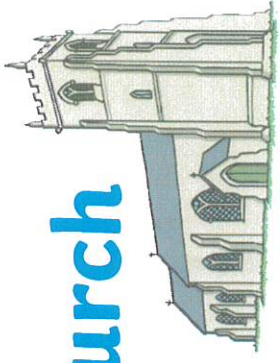
Winston Churchill

King George VI

Neville Chamberlain



Why did people ring church bells?

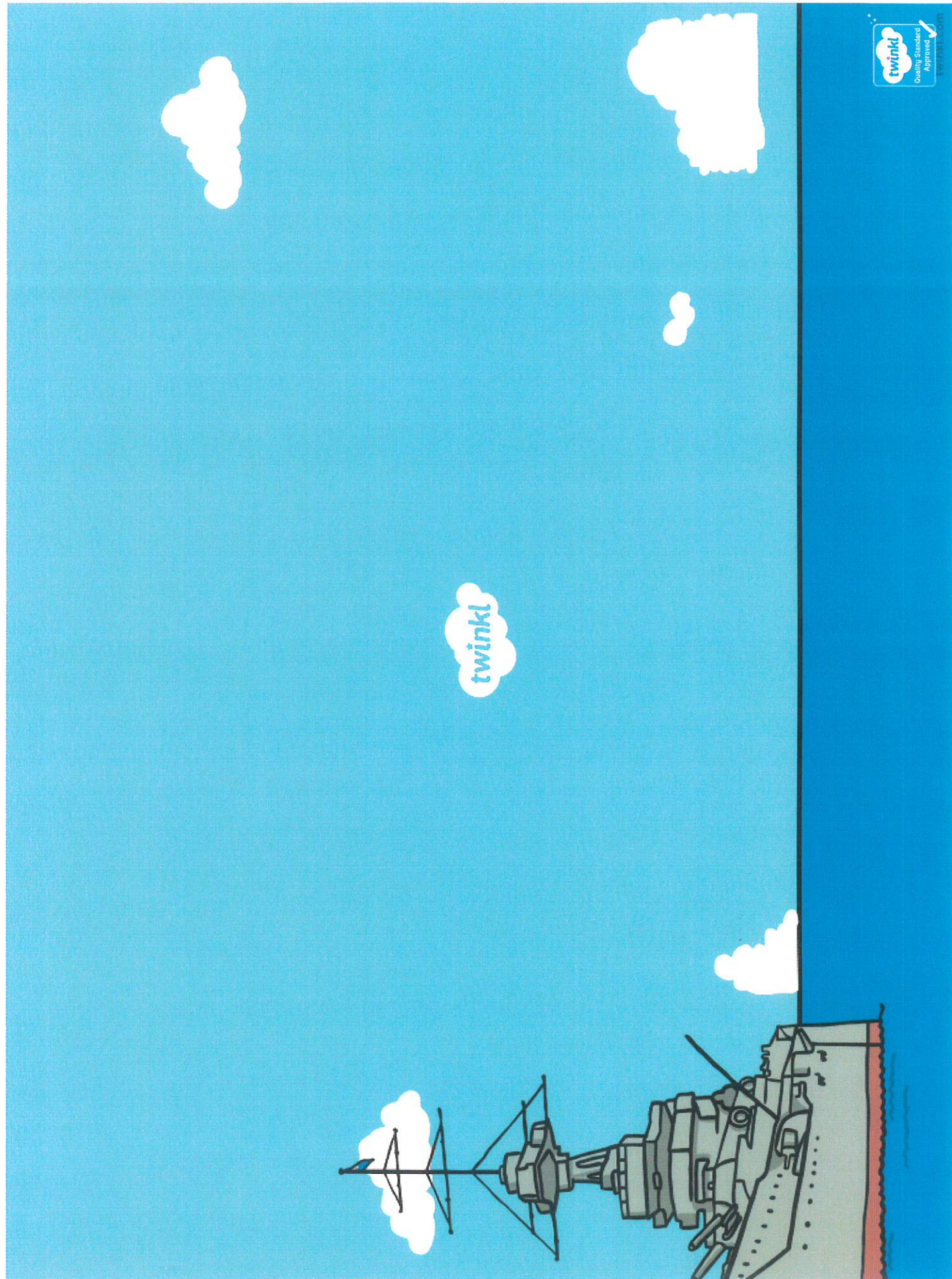


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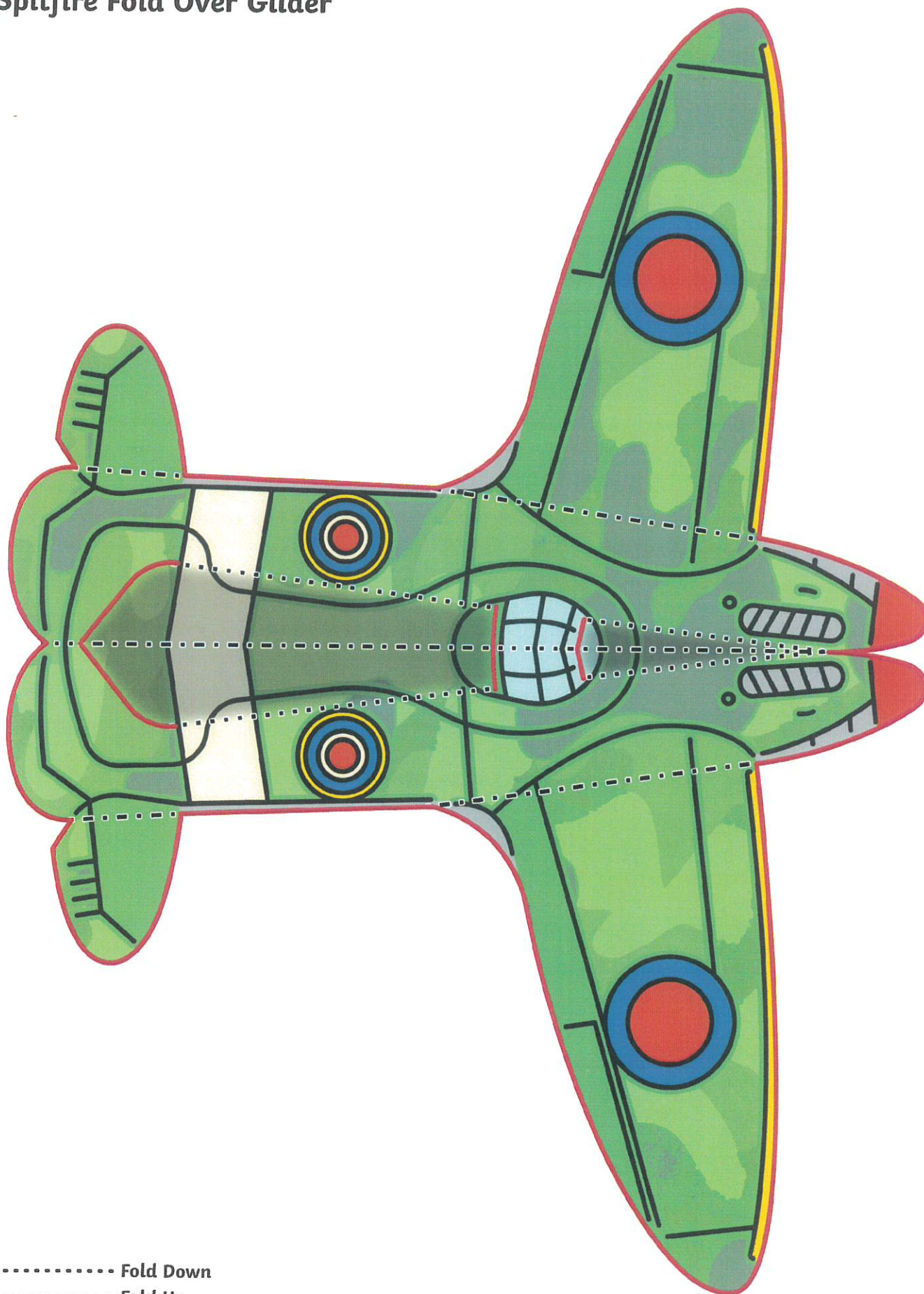
To spread the news and
celebrate.

Because they are
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To tell the time.



Spitfire Fold Over Glider



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VE Day

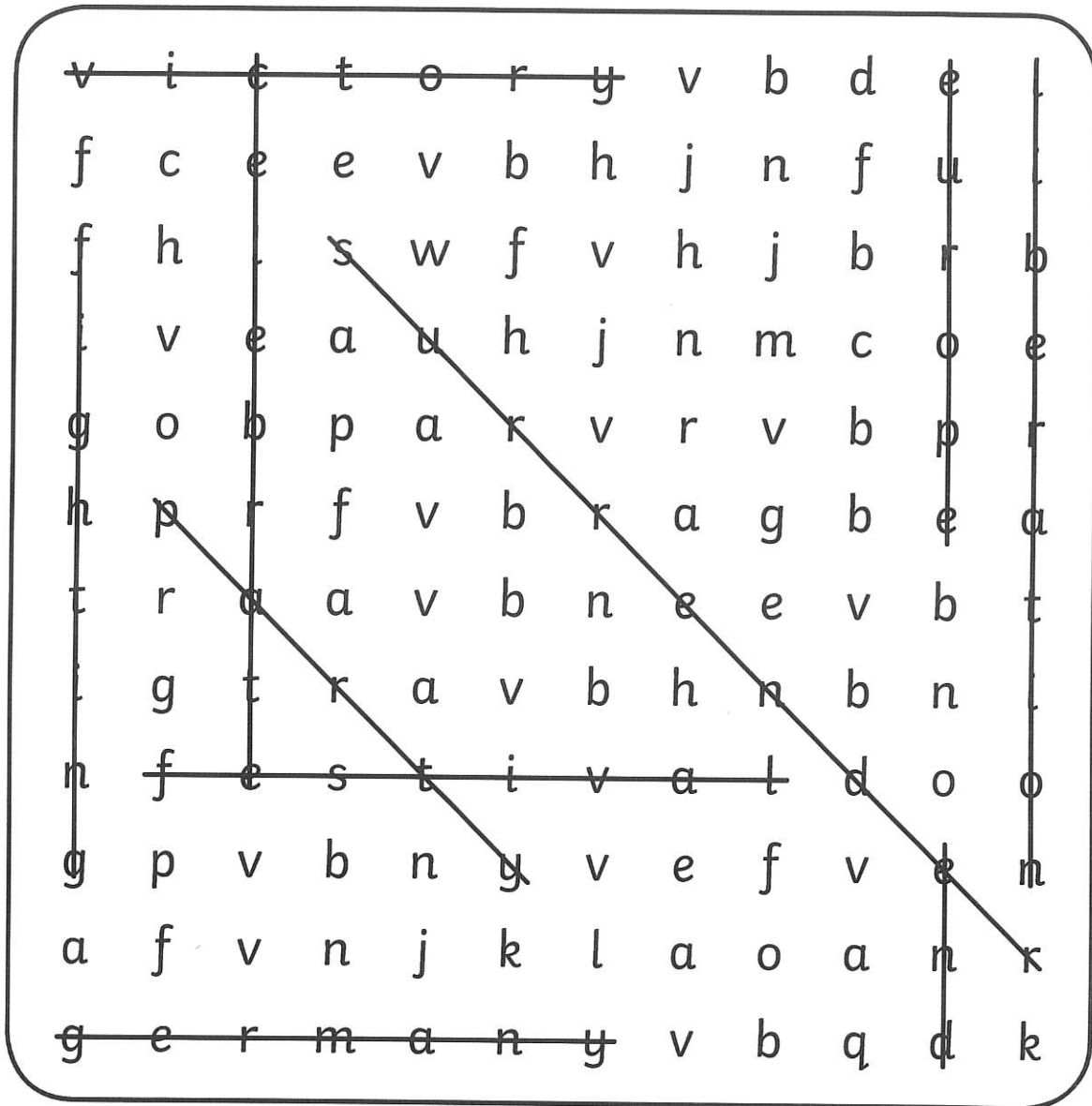
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