

## Victory in Europe



Victory in Europe Day/ VE Day took place on May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945. It was a public holiday and day of celebration to mark the defeat of Germany by the Allied forces in World War 2.

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.

How do you think it felt when the war was finally over?

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> was to be a national day of celebration; Victory in Europe Day.



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- The capital city, London, was the place to be on VE Day.

- Anyone who could reach the city did so.

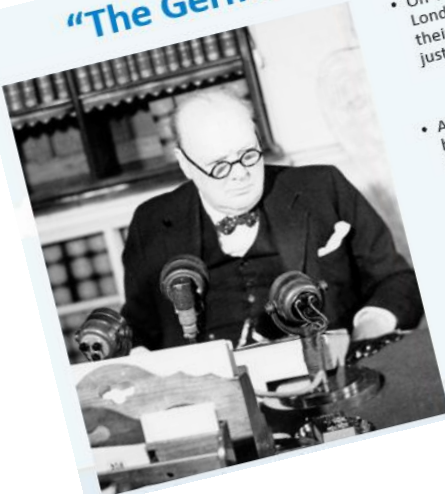
- The centre of London was full of people wearing red, white and blue, waving flags, dancing and singing.

- Fireworks filled the sky with flashes of light.

Try this!

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.