

English 1 Reading

- Read through the text.
- Use lined paper.
- Put the date in full, a title and underline.
- Remember to write in full sentences, using a pen, to answer each question.
- Check each sentence has capital letters and full stops in place properly.
- Your handwriting must have accurately formed letters and be in the correct position on the line.
- When you have finished check that your work for errors.
- Answers for parents are available on the BVS website, or you could email your work to your teacher.

VE Day comprehension

'Victory In Europe Day' was celebrated on Tuesday 8th May 1945. Hitler had committed suicide on 30th April and the Germans surrendered at 2.41am on 7th May in a schoolhouse in France. The fighting went on to the last minute, with a German submarine sinking two ships off the coast of Scotland on 7th May.

Winston Churchill announced the end of the war in Europe on the radio at 3.00pm on 8th May. His speech was played on loudspeakers through central London.

The British people were very proud and relieved the war was over, as Britain was the only allied country to have fought from the beginning to the end of the war. Huge crowds gathered in London to see the King and Queen and their daughters, who appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, and street parties took place across the country.

The following Sunday, prayers of thanks were said in church and all those who had died, or were still fighting in the war, were remembered. VE Day was not the end of the war, though, because fighting carried on for another three months in the Far East.

1. What does VE stand for and what did it celebrate?
2. What two key events that ended the war in Europe, happened on 7th May?
3. What do you think people felt when they switched their radios on at 3pm on 8th May?
4. People probably felt different emotions when the war finished. What would they have been and why?
5. Did World War II end on 7th May 1945? Explain your answer.