

## **English 1 Reading**

Answers for parents.

1. What does VE stand for and what did it celebrate?

VE stands for Victory In Europe Day and it celebrates the end of the war in Europe. (1 mark)

2. What two key events that ended the war in Europe, happened on 7<sup>th</sup> May?

Two significant events that took place on 7<sup>th</sup> May were: Hitler killed himself, which made the Germans surrender. (2 marks.)

3. What do you think people felt when they switched their radios on at 3pm on 8<sup>th</sup> May?

I think people initially would have been very pleased (elated) and relieved when they heard the news on their radios. (1 mark.)

4. People probably felt different emotions when the war finished. What would they have been and why?

People would be feeling different emotions depending on how they had been involved and effected by the war. They would be proud and relieved - proud that the British had not lost and relieved that the fighting was over. Some may have lost loved ones, so would be feeling that loss and wondering how they were all going to recover.

(Each underlined feeling, or similar wording, with an explanation is 1 mark.)

5. Did World War II end on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1945? Explain your answer.

World War II ended in Europe after the Germans surrendered, but fighting continued in the Far East for a further three months.

(1 mark for each underlined component.)