

Victory in Europe Day

Victory in Europe Day is usually called VE Day.



What Is VE Day?

- VE Day is a day to remember the end of the Second World War.
- It is a day to remember the bravery and suffering of those who lived during the war.
- It is a day to remember the courage of the soldiers who fought during the war.

Time to Celebrate

- 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

celebrate – to do something special for a special occasion

surrender – to agree to stop fighting

Questions

1. Complete this sentence:
Victory in Europe Day is usually called _____.

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

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

3. What happened on May 7th, 1945? Tick one.

- people in London had parties
- Germany surrendered the war
- Winston Churchill made a speech

4. Write two ways people celebrated the end of the war.

5. Match the word to the correct meaning.

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