

## World War II Key Facts

### Britain at war

- More than 3.5 million children were evacuated from the cities during the war.
- Wartime food rationing began in 1940 and lasted nine years after the war had ended.
- During the air raids (The Blitz), people had to leave their homes and find a safe shelter to protect themselves. For example, Morrison shelters, Anderson shelters or public shelters.
- During the war, children were transported to safer places in the country side.

### Allied Powers



United Kingdom



USA



France



Soviet union

### Axis Powers



Third Reich (Germany)



Italy



Japan



**Neville Chamberlain**- Prime Minister of United Kingdom at the beginning of WWII.



**Adolf Hitler**- Leader of the German Army.



**Winston Churchill**- became Prime Minister of United Kingdom during War II.



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## World War II Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Air raid	An attack by planes dropping bombs
Allies	Countries that joined together against Germany, Japan and Italy in World War II.
Blackout	Turning off street lights and other lights at night so that bombers cannot see their target.
Evacuee	a person evacuated from a place of danger.
Evacuation	When a person is moved away from a place of danger.
Gas mask	A protective mask to prevent breathing in of poisonous gases
Invaded	Attacked and taken over by an enemy
Rationing	A fixed amount of food and provisions for people.
Shelters	A safe place to hide during an air raid

1st September 1939	3rd September 1939	7th January 1940	10th May 1940	7th September 1940	6th June 1944	7th May 1945	8th May 1945	15th August 1945
Germany invades Poland	Britain and France declare war on Germany	Rationing of food begins	Churchill becomes Prime Minister	The London Blitz began. It lasted over eight weeks	D-Day (The invasion of Normandy), France	Germany Surrenders	VE Day (Victory in Europe)- the war ends in Europe	VJ Day (victory in Japan)- the war ends in the far east.