

Ellie's Second World War History Challenge

Learning objective: To recall key facts about life in Britain during the Second World War.

Join Ellie the elephant as she explores the history of the Second World War. Read each question carefully and circle or write the correct answer.

Answer Key: 1. B (1939-1945), 2. False, 3. Rationing, 4. C (To keep children safe from bombing), 5. True, 6. Anderson shelter, 7. B (To encourage people to grow their own food), 8. True, 9. Gas mask, 10. A (The Blitz).

Word bank: Evacuation · Rationing · Air raid · Home Front · Anderson shelter

1. 1. When did the Second World War take place? A) 1914-1918 B) 1939-1945* C) 1950-1955 D) 1920-1925 (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: During the war, children were allowed to play outside in the streets all night long. (1 mark)

3. 3. What was the name of the system used to limit how much food and clothing families could buy? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. Why were many children sent away from cities to the countryside? A) For a holiday B) To visit family C) To keep them safe from bombing* D) To go to new schools (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: People used blackout curtains at night to stop light from escaping their homes. (1 mark)

6. 6. What was the name of the metal shelter often built in back gardens? (2 words) (1 mark)

7. 7. What was the 'Dig for Victory' campaign? A) A competition to build houses B) To encourage people to grow their own food* C) To collect scrap metal D) To build secret tunnels (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Women took on many jobs that were previously done by men who had gone to fight. (1 mark)

9. 9. What item were children required to carry with them in a cardboard box at all times? (2 words) (1 mark)

10. 10. What was the name given to the period of heavy bombing raids on British cities? A) The Blitz* B) The Great Storm C) The Big Push D) The Dark Days (1 mark)

Draw: Draw an Anderson shelter in a back garden. Include details like a vegetable patch for 'Dig for Victory' and blackout curtains on the house windows.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a child being evacuated to the countryside. Write a short postcard home to your parents (no more than 50 words) describing one thing you have seen or done since arriving.