

Remembering the Brave: A Story of Remembrance

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Remembrance Day, the symbolism of the poppy, and why we observe silence to honour those who have served.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions using full sentences. Think about how the words convey feelings of respect and gratitude.

Every year on the 11th of November, Ellie the elephant joins her friends at the village square to mark Remembrance Day. At exactly eleven o'clock, the bustling world seems to stand still. For two minutes, a profound silence falls, allowing everyone to reflect on the bravery of those who served in wars to protect our peace. Ellie remembers the stories she has collected about soldiers who showed immense courage in difficult times. The red poppy is the most recognisable symbol of this day. It grows in fields where many lives were lost, representing both the resilience of nature and the sacrifice made by men and women in the armed forces. People wear these paper poppies on their coats as a sign of respect. By pausing to remember, we ensure that the lessons of the past are not forgotten. It is a time for gratitude, acknowledging that the freedom we enjoy today was bought at a high price. Whether we are young or old, standing together in silence helps us appreciate the importance of kindness and unity in our modern world.

Word bank: Remembrance · armistice · symbolism · gratitude · commemorate · sacrifice

1. On what date is Remembrance Day observed each year? (1 mark)

2. What are two things mentioned in the text that the red poppy symbolises? (2 marks)

3. Why does the author describe the world as standing still at eleven o'clock? (2 marks)

4. How does the silence mentioned in the text help people feel connected to the past? (2 marks)

5. Why do you think it is important for children today to learn about Remembrance Day? Give a reason for your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a peaceful scene of a field of poppies swaying in the breeze under a bright sky, and include a small, respectful detail like a ribbon or a wreath.



Extension challenge: Research the history of the poppy symbol. Write a short poem or a thank-you letter to someone who works in the emergency services, explaining why their service to the community is important today.