

History: Life in World War Two with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand how life changed for children living in Britain during World War Two.

Read the questions carefully. Use the word bank to help you complete the sentences. Ellie the Elephant is here to help you remember the facts!

During World War Two, many children were sent away from cities to stay safe in the countryside. This was called evacuation. Families had to share food using ration books, and they used special shelters if there was an air raid warning. Everyone had to carry a gas mask in a small box.

Word bank: Evacuation · Rationing · Air raid · Shelter · Gas mask

1. Ellie explains that children were sent to the countryside to stay safe. What is this process called? (1 mark)

2. Food was limited during the war. What is the name for the system used to share food fairly? (1 mark)

3. Look at the list below. Circle the two things that children carried to stay safe during an air raid. (2 marks)

4. Complete this sentence: People would hide in a _____ to stay safe when they heard the warning siren. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a child during World War Two wearing their gas mask box and holding their small suitcase ready for evacuation.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a child being evacuated to the countryside. Write one sentence to your family telling them how you feel.