

Remembering with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of Remembrance Day and why we observe it.

Read the text carefully with Ellie the Elephant. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Every year in November, we take time to remember. Ellie the Elephant likes to visit the local park to see the memorial statue. On the eleventh day of the eleventh month, many people stop at 11:00 am. They stand very still for two minutes of silence. This is called Remembrance Day.

People wear a bright red poppy on their clothes. The poppy is a special flower that grew in the fields after the First World War. It reminds us of the people who worked hard and gave their lives to help others. During this time, we think about the brave people who fought in conflicts. We also think about those who help us today to keep us safe. It is a time to be very quiet and show that we care. We want to live in a world where everyone can live in peace. Ellie remembers the stories of the past so that we can learn for the future. By wearing a poppy, we show that we have not forgotten.

Word bank: Remembrance: to think about someone or something · Poppy: a red flower · Conflict: a time of fighting or war · Honour: to show great respect · Peace: a time without fighting

1. 1. On which day and at what time do people observe the two minutes of silence? (Literal) (2 marks)

2. 2. What is the special flower that people wear to show they remember? (Literal) (1 mark)

3. 3. Why do you think people stand in silence for two minutes? (Inferential) (2 marks)

4. 4. How does wearing a poppy show that someone cares about history? (Inferential) (2 marks)

5. 5. Why is it important for us to remember the people who lived in the past? (Evaluative) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a field of red poppies. Underneath your drawing, write one word that describes how you feel when you think about peace.



Extension challenge: Write a short thank-you note to someone who helps to keep your school or community safe. Use your best handwriting.