Ellie’s WWII History Challenge

Learning objective: To recall key facts about the causes, events, and daily life experiences during the Second World War.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through history! Answer these 10 questions to test your knowledge of the Second World War. Remember to check your spelling.

Answer Key: 1) B (1939), 2) True, 3) Rationing, 4) A (Winston Churchill), 5) False (They were the Axis powers), 6) Evacuation, 7) True, 8) The Blitz, 9) C (To keep children safe from bombing), 10) 1945.

Word bank: Evacuation · Allies · Axis · Rationing · Blitz · Home Front · Chamberlain · Churchill

1. 1. In which year did the Second World War officially begin? A) 1937, B) 1939*, C) 1940, D) 1941 (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Neville Chamberlain was the Prime Minister of the UK when war was declared. (1 mark)

3. 3. What was the name of the system used to limit the amount of food and clothes people could buy? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. Who became the British Prime Minister in 1940? A) Winston Churchill*, B) Clement Attlee, C) King George VI, D) David Lloyd George (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Germany, Italy, and Japan were known as the Allied powers. (1 mark)

6. 6. What was the process of sending children away from cities to the countryside for safety called? (1 word) (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: Women took on many jobs that were traditionally done by men during the war. (1 mark)

8. 8. What was the name given to the period of heavy German bombing raids on British cities? (2 words) (1 mark)

9. 9. Why were children often evacuated? A) To go on holiday, B) To help with farming, C) To keep them safe from bombing*, D) To learn to fly planes (1 mark)

10. 10. In what year did the Second World War end in Europe? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene from the 'Home Front' showing a vegetable 'Victory Garden' or an Anderson shelter in a garden.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an evacuee writing a postcard home to your parents. Write 50 words describing how you feel about your new surroundings in the countryside.