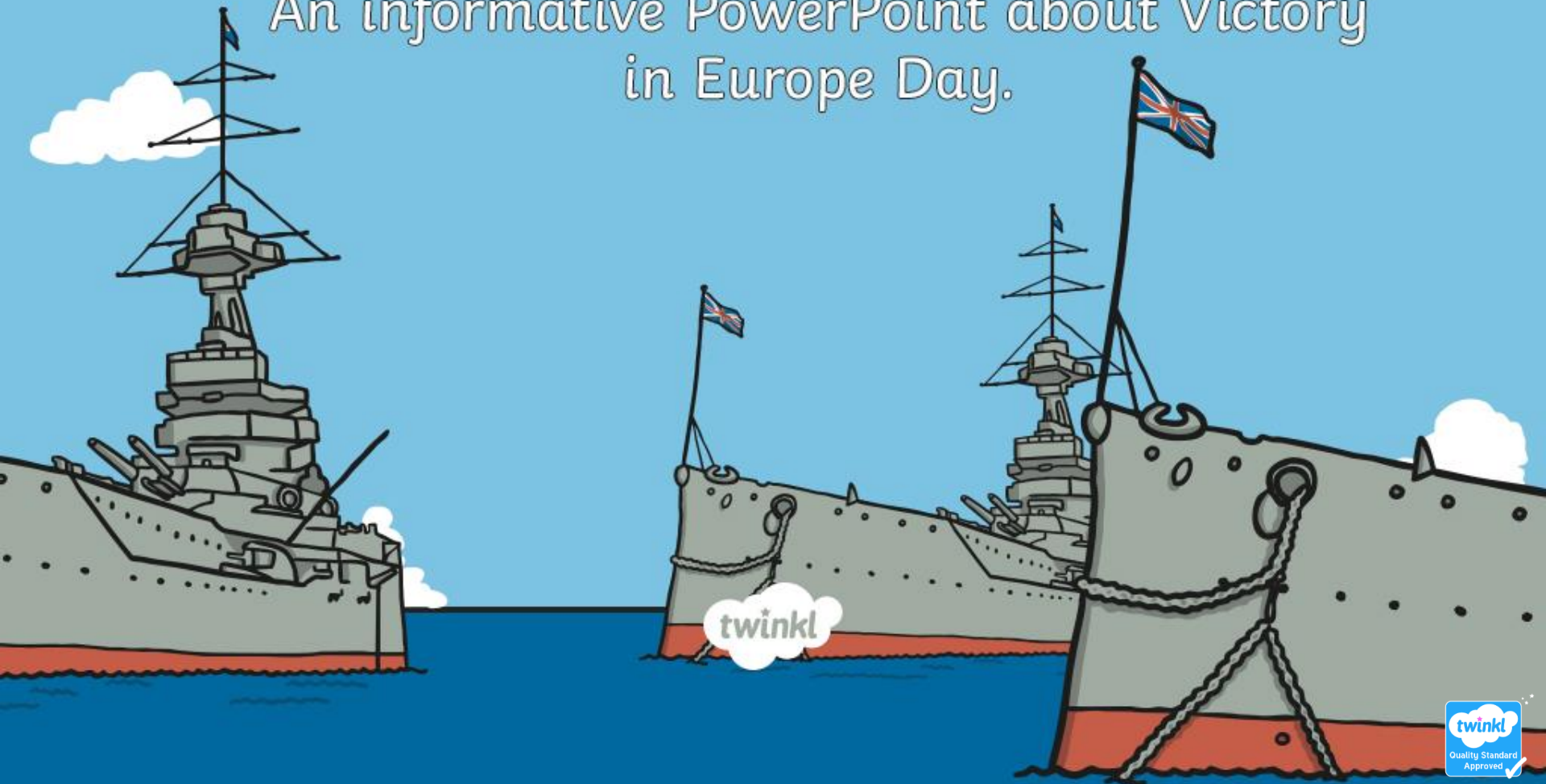


VE Day Victory

An informative PowerPoint about Victory
in Europe Day.



Victory in Europe



Victory in Europe Day/VE Day took place on May 8th 1945. It was a public holiday and day of celebration to mark the defeat of Germany by the Allied forces in Second World War.

VE Day marked the formal conclusion of the war with Germany and brought to an end six years of suffering, courage and endurance across the world.

Discuss It!

How do you think it felt when the war finally ended?

Time to Celebrate



- People ran out on to the streets, hanging bunting and banners and dancing.
- Church bells pealed across the country to share the news: peace in Europe!
- Everyone brought out food to share at street parties.
- Tuesday May 8th was to be a national day of celebration: Victory in Europe Day.



Time to Celebrate



- The capital city, London, was the place to be on VE Day.
- Anyone who could reach the city did so.
- The centre of London was full of people wearing red, white and blue, waving flags, dancing and singing.
- Fireworks filled the sky with flashes of light.

Try this!

Write a postcard to a missing family member telling them about your VE day celebrations. Draw a picture on the other side to show what you did and what you saw.

“The German war is therefore at an end.”



- On VE Day, everyone, both in London and at home sitting by their wireless sets, wanted to hear just one man: Winston Churchill.
- At 3pm the Prime Minister broadcast to the nation: the war was over.

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- Crowds gathered in Trafalgar Square and up The Mall.
- They were waiting for Winston Churchill and King George VI to make an appearance on the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

Try this!

Make your own radio broadcast to announce Victory in Europe. You could even pretend to be Winston Churchill!

“This is your victory!”



- Shortly after Churchill's speech, King George VI, Queen Elizabeth and the two princesses came out onto the balcony at Buckingham Palace.
- Churchill told the crowds: “This is your victory!”

- It was to be the first of eight appearances by the King and Queen on VE Day.



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Can you answer these questions in your blue books? You have to pick the correct answer, so you should write them in full sentences as facts in your blue books, like this ...

Victory in Europe Day is on

Write the answer you have chosen here

People wore red, white and blue

because

Write the answer you have chosen here

On what date was Victory in Europe Day?

May 7th 1945


May 8th 2015

May 8th 1945

May 8th 2005



Why did people wear red, white and blue?




They are the colours of the German flag.

That was all they could find.

They looked pretty.

They are the colours of the Union flag.



Who mingled secretly with the crowds on VE Day?

Princess Elizabeth and
Princess Margaret

Winston Churchill

King George VI

Neville Chamberlain



Why did people ring church bells?



For practice.

To spread the news and
celebrate.

Because they are
tuneful.

To tell the time.

VE Day Party – 8th May

Lots of celebrations would have been planned this year to celebrate 75 years since VE Day but will not be able to go ahead. There will be a “toast” at 3.00pm on Friday, 8th May “To those who gave so much, we thank you.”

There will also be celebrations at home with the BBC local radio stations [bbc.co.uk/makeadifference](https://www.bbc.co.uk/makeadifference) joining in with special broadcasts. Why not make some bunting to decorate your house – you could copy the picture of a union jack flag from the template in our folder on the website.

There’s also a medal designing activity – can you make your design too?



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