

Mrs Slater's Thought for the day



Second World War

Britain had been at war since September 1939.
The war had caused great hardships for the entire country.



Cities, such as Coventry, London and Plymouth were badly bombed and many were killed. Buildings were destroyed and people were left homeless.



384,000 British soldiers were killed and many more were wounded.



It was usually impossible for soldiers to visit home due to the war.



Food was rationed; before the war, Britain imported lots of its food from abroad. With German submarines manning the seas, importing food was too risky.

The End

By the end of April 1945, the leader of Italy, Benito Mussolini and the leader of Germany, Adolf Hitler, were dead. Germany was in ruins.




The End

On 7th May, at 2.41 am, in Reims in France, Germany surrendered.
This meant that the war in Europe was over.



The News Spreads

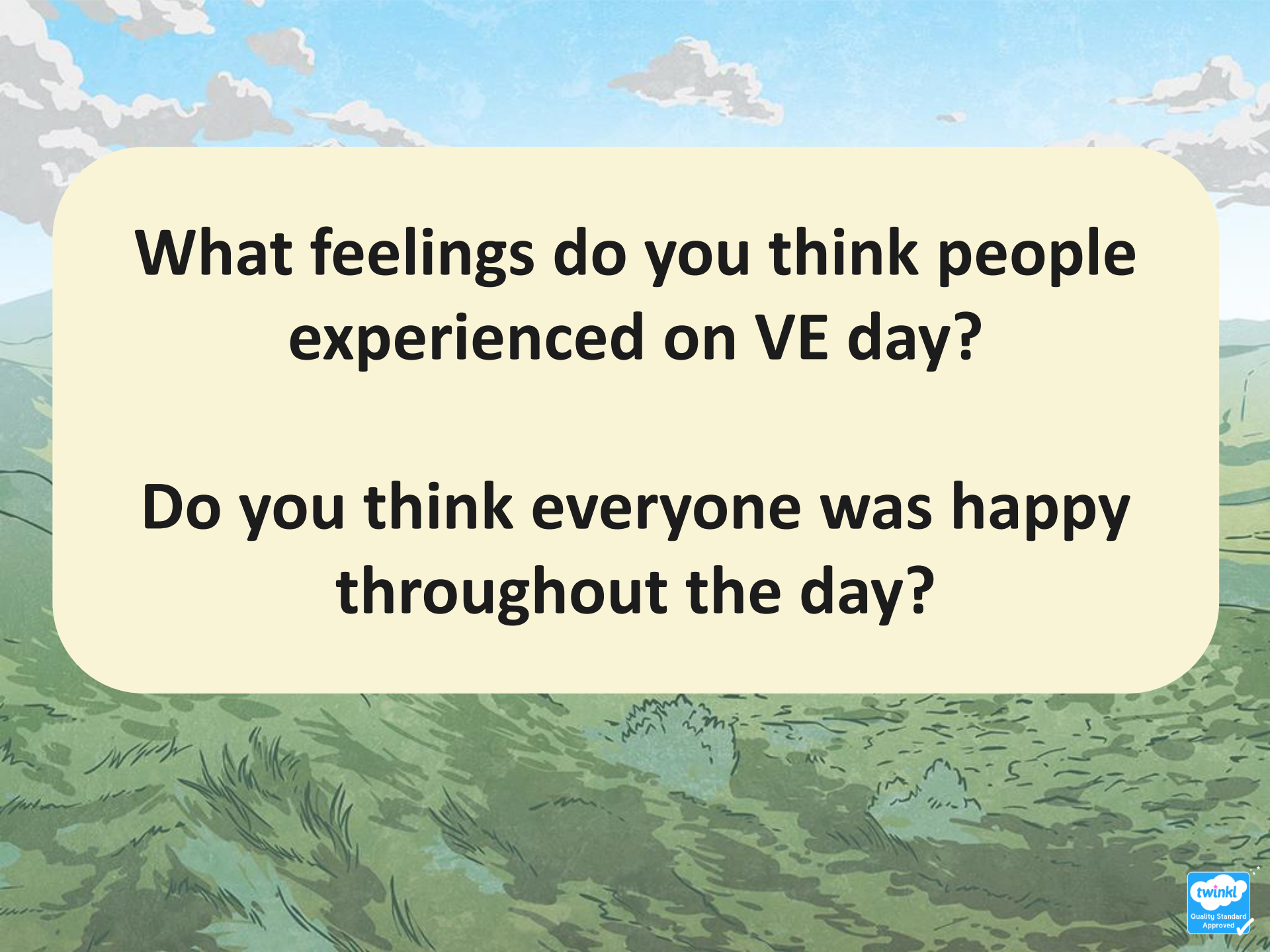
Before long, the exciting news spread that the war in Europe was over. People ran out on the streets to celebrate and church bells were rung to spread the news.

A stylized illustration of Winston Churchill, wearing a dark grey bowler hat, a dark grey suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red bow tie with white polka dots. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green hills and a blue sky with white clouds.

In accordance with arrangements between the three great powers, tomorrow, Tuesday, will be treated as Victory in Europe Day and will be regarded as a holiday.

- People had street parties - this is a photograph of a street party in Rodborough!
- VE Day was an important day in British history.





**What feelings do you think people
experienced on VE day?**

**Do you think everyone was happy
throughout the day?**

These are some of the feelings people might have had...

Relief that the war was over.

Glad that Hitler had not won.

Hopeful that their family who were soldiers would be coming home.

Excited about the peaceful future.

Delight that rationing would soon be finished.

But also...

Worried about the fighting that was still happening in other parts of the World.

Devastated about the many lives that had been lost.

Sad that their childhood had been ruined by the war or worried about children who had been evacuated.

Anxious about jobs and money.

We are all experiencing mixed emotions at the moment.

Talk to someone at home about the different emotions you are feeling each day.



To help you can...

**Talk about
how you feel
lots and lots!**

**Do things
you enjoy!**

**Have some
quiet time on
your own.**

**Help other
people.**



**God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

Psalm 46:1