

**Adolf Hitler**

The Nazi Party leader.

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**air raid**

An enemy attack from the air.

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**air raid shelter**

A building or area designed to protect people from bombings during air raids.

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**air raid siren**

A machine designed to make a very loud wailing sound, in order to warn people of an incoming air raid.

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**Allied powers**

Countries (including Britain, the Soviet Union and the USA) that united together to fight the Axis powers.

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**Anderson shelter**

A type of air raid shelter built from curved, corrugated steel panels.

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**Anne Frank**

A German-born Jewish girl, who spent over two years hiding from the Nazis in a secret annexe in Amsterdam. Her wartime diary was published after the war.

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**Axis powers**

Countries (including Germany, Italy and Japan) that united together to fight against the Allied powers.

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**Battle of Britain**

A campaign involving the Royal Air Force (RAF), Royal Navy and Army to prevent the German invasion of Britain.

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**billeting officer**

A person responsible for housing evacuees.

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**blackout**

The reduction of outdoor light at night, to make it harder for enemy aircraft to see and bomb populated areas.

**Blitz**

Intensive and sudden Nazi German air raid attacks. From the German word 'Blitzkrieg' which means 'lightning war'.

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**concentration camp**

A camp where large groups of Jewish prisoners were held and often killed.

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**D-Day**

The day Allied forces landed in Normandy, France, as part of a plan to rescue over 300,000 trapped British troops.

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**evacuate**

To leave a place or building.

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**evacuees**

The children who were moved from dangerous towns and cities to the countryside, which was considered safer.

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**gas mask**

A mask designed to protect the face and lungs from a poisonous gas attack.

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**Holocaust**

The mass murder of Jewish people.

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**Morrison shelter**

An indoor, table-shaped shelter, designed for these without access to a cellar or alternative shelter.

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**Nazi**

A follower of Adolf Hitler, leader of the Nazi Party.

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**propaganda**

Biased news, media and communication, used to influence people's opinions.

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**rationing**

The limited supply of food, clothes and other goods to prevent shortages.

## **refugee**

A person forced to leave their home, usually because of war.

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## **Spitfire**

A British fighter aircraft.

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## **United Nations**

An organisation set up by the Allies to work towards world peace.

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## **V-E Day**

Victory in Europe Day, May 8, 1945. The day the Allied victory in Europe was celebrated.

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## **Winston Churchill**

The British Prime Minister from 1940 to 1945.

