

# Answers

1. What date is VE Day?

**8<sup>th</sup> May**

2. VE day stands for...? Tick **one**.

- Victory and Excellence Day  
 **Victory in Europe Day**  
 Vanquish in Europe Day  
 Very Excellent Day

3. What did General Jodl do?

**General Jodl went to the Head Quarters based in France. He surrendered on behalf of the Germans to the Western and Russian Officers and agreed to all their demands.**

4. Tick the boxes to say whether the statements below are **true** or **false**.

Sentence	True	False
Hitler died in May 1945.		✓
Grand Admiral Donitz gave the order to surrender.	✓	
The 'three great powers' were The British, Empire the Soviet Union and the US.	✓	
Half a million homes were destroyed in Britain during the war.	✓	

5. How was a sign of victory made above St Paul's Cathedral?

**Lights were used to make the sign of victory above St Paul's Cathedral.**

6. What did Stalin do, and how did this affect Britain?

**Stalin took his time announcing the surrender. This meant Churchill could not let Britain know officially that there was an end of the war in Europe.**

7. In detail, explain what VE day ended.

**Answers will vary, based on: VE Day ended six years of suffering, misery and courage during the Second World War in Europe/ ended warfare in Europe.**

8. Name one of the ways VE Day is celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Accept any of the following:**

- **The May Day Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday to Friday.**
- **Buglers will play The Last Post and Reveille at 2:55 p.m.**
- **People will have a toast to the heroes of World War II**

9. Why do you think the author has used an exclamation mark when commenting on the princesses walking around the crowds in London? Explain your answer.

**Answers will vary, but should suggest the princesses walking among the crowds being unusual.**