

Answers

1. What date is VE Day?

8th May

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

Sentence	True	False
VE day marked the end of the Second World War.		✓
The British people began celebrating before the official announcement.	✓	
General Jodl ordered Grand Admiral Donitz to surrender.		✓
VE Day stands for Victory in Europe Day.	✓	

3. Who were put on standby?

The Bell ringers in the churches were put on standby to announce the good news.

4. What prompted the German surrender, and why do you think this was?

The Germans surrendered because Hitler had died. He was the leader of the Germans and had started the Second World War. Once he had died I think they knew they would not win so they had to surrender.

5. What word has been used that means 'unplanned', and how does it relate to the sentence it is used in?

The word 'impromptu' means 'unplanned'. It relates to the sentence it has been used in because people were not expecting VE Day so the parties would have been unexpected and unplanned.

6. What three things happened at 21:00 on VE Day?

King George VI made a final broadcast to the nation, Buckingham Palace was lit up in floodlights and two search lights formed the sign of victory above St Paul's Cathedral in London.

7. What time is the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War II? Tick **one**.

- 2:55 p.m.
- 3:55 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m.**

8. What two things did Churchill do on VE Day?

On VE day, Churchill had a celebratory lunch with King George VI and talked to the nation, reminding them that the war wasn't over, but for that one day, the British people could allow themselves a "brief period of rejoicing".

9. Why were the celebrations bittersweet for some?

The celebrations would have been bittersweet for some, because their families or friends may have been killed during the war, so although they were happy to hear the fighting in Europe was over, they might also feel sad that it hadn't ended sooner so their friends or family were still alive.

10. How do you think people felt on 9th May? Explain your thoughts.

Answers will vary