

## VE Day

Victory In Europe Day was celebrated on Tuesday 8th May 1945. The Germans surrendered on 7th May, but the fighting went on to the last minute, with a German submarine sinking two ships off the coast of Scotland on the 7th May.

Winston Churchill gave a speech on the radio on 8th May telling people the war in Europe was over. After nearly six years of war, the British people were very pleased.

Huge crowds went to London to see the King and Queen on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, and street parties took place all across the country.

Services were held in churches, giving thanks and remembering all the people who had died in the war, or were still fighting in it. The war did not finish for another three months in the Far East, when the Japanese surrendered.

1. What does VE stand for and what did it celebrate?


2. What do you think people felt when they switched on their radios on 8th May?


3. Many people probably felt happy and sad at the same time. Explain why.
