

Monday 7th May 1945

Dear Diary,

We listened to the radio today and heard that Germany has surrendered. The war may be coming to an end!

Mum, Jon, my nan and I all cheered when we heard this. I've been so fed up with the war, it's been going on for 6 years! Hopefully dad will come home soon as we've all missed him terribly while he has been away fighting.

My nan dug out miles and miles of bunting from the cupboard. She said that we will have a huge party tomorrow to celebrate and she's been baking since we heard the news. We just have to wait for the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, to say that the war has ended tomorrow.

Kitty

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1. What day of the week was the diary written?

Monday

2. Who is writing the diary?

Kitty

3. Who got out the bunting?

Nan

4. Where is dad?

away fighting in the war

5. How do you think Kitty is feeling? Why do you think this is?

Answers must refer to Kitty being happy/excited/pleased that the war is ended and must explain why they think this.

Possible answers could be:

I think that Kitty is really pleased that the war is ended because she said that she cheered.

She is really happy because her dad will come home from fighting in the war soon.

Tuesday 8th May 1945

Dear Diary,

The war has ended! We listened to Winston Churchill on the radio and he said that Germany has surrendered. I cannot believe that after 6 years of fighting it is now all over – for us anyway. They are still fighting in Japan. We listened to the King making his speech too.

Mum is very excited about dad being home. We have all missed him but I think she has missed him the most. We have had letters from him but they are not the same as seeing him in person.

Everyone was outside all morning, decorating their houses and putting tables and chairs in the street. Gregory Street had never looked so pretty! Jon was really busy as he tied up most of the bunting. He will be 15 soon and is the tallest lad on our street. He grumbled about it but Mrs Hitchen gave him a piece of cake so that cheered him up.

Then, this afternoon all of the families came out of their houses with sandwiches, biscuits and cake. I hadn't seen that much food in ages! The whole street danced and sang and ate. We had so much fun! All of the adults seem much happier now. I do hope that it stays that way.

Kitty

6. Name two people Kitty heard on the radio

Winston Churchill

and

the King

(written in any order)

7. How old is Jon?

14 (or nearly 15)

8. Find and copy a word that means *moaned*.

grumbled

9. Why do you think Mrs Hitchen gave Jon some cake?

Answers could refer to Mrs Hitchen thanking Jon or cheering him up because he was moaning.

She gave Jon some cake to say thank you for putting all of the bunting up. Mrs Hitchen gave Jon some cake as she could see that he wasn't very happy and she wanted to cheer him up.

10. 'All of the adults seem much happier now.'

Why do you think that is?

Answers will vary but should mention one or more of the following: they were pleased the war had ended; they were having a party; husbands would be coming home from the war.