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Life for the Soldiers

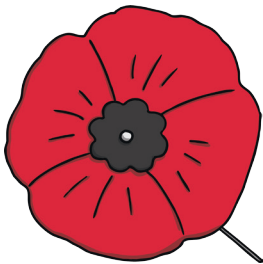
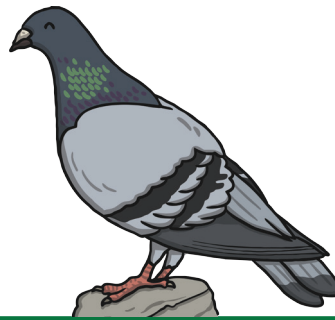
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When the soldiers were not fighting, they wrote letters or played card games.

Messages

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- flags
- lamps
- pigeons
- dogs



Did You Know...?

- Every November, we remember those who died by stopping for a two-minute silence.
- 2018 is special because it marks one hundred years since the end of the First World War.



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 - ☐ clean and dry
 - ☐ muddy and smelly
 - ☐ warm and quiet
3. What did the soldiers do when they were not fighting? Tick **one**.
 - ☐ They went to the cinema.
 - ☐ They went swimming.
 - ☐ They wrote letters or played card games.
4. How long do we stop in silence for every November? Tick **one**.
 - ☐ one hundred years
 - ☐ two minutes
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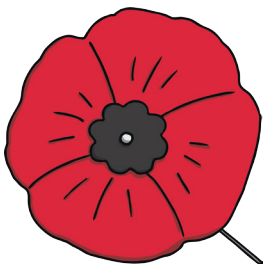
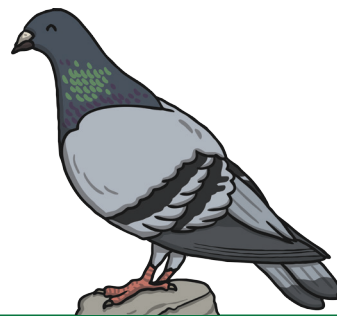
Life for the Soldiers

Many soldiers during the war fought in long, narrow ditches in the ground. These were called trenches and could be very muddy and smelly. When the soldiers were not fighting, they wrote letters to family and friends or played card games.

Passing on Messages

One hundred years ago, armies used very different ways of communicating. To send messages, they used:

- flags
- lamps
- homing pigeons
- dogs



Did You Know...?

- Every November, we remember those who died, by stopping for a two-minute silence at school or on Remembrance Sunday.
- 2018 is particularly special because it marks one hundred years since the armistice was signed and the war was ended.

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 - ☐ The First World War started.
 - ☐ Many millions of people lost their lives.
 - ☐ The First World War ended.
2. What was the name of the long, narrow ditches in the ground? Tick **one**.
 - ☐ soldiers
 - ☐ benches
 - ☐ trenches
3. When did the soldiers write letters to family and friends? Tick **one**.
 - ☐ when they were sleeping
 - ☐ when they were eating
 - ☐ when they were playing card games
 - ☐ when they were resting
4. Write four ways that the armies used to send messages.

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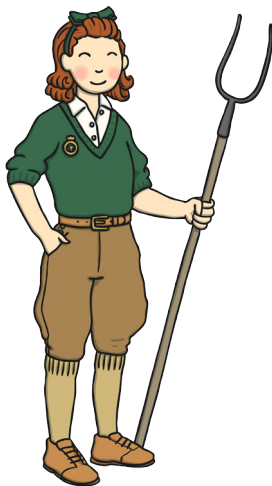
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The First World War, sometimes called The Great War or World War One, lasted for four years from July 1914 to November 1918. It was a brutal, horrible war and many millions of people tragically lost their lives.

Life for the Soldiers

Soldiers on the Western Front lived in terrible conditions in long, narrow ditches in the ground, which were known as trenches. They could be very muddy and smelly and were often overrun with rats. When the soldiers had free time, they wrote letters to friends, family and loved ones or played card games.



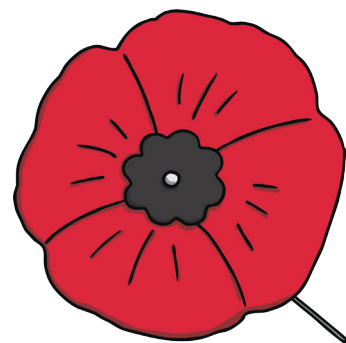
Life at Home in Britain

People were encouraged to grow fruit and vegetables at home or on allotments. As food became more scarce, rationing books were introduced.

Women had a very important role to play in the war, too. After many men had gone away to fight, women were called upon by the government to work on farms and in factories, making munitions (weapons).

Remembrance Day

Every November, we remember those who died by holding a two-minute silence at school or on Remembrance Sunday (also known as Armistice Day). 2018 is particularly special because it commemorates the centenary of the end of the war.

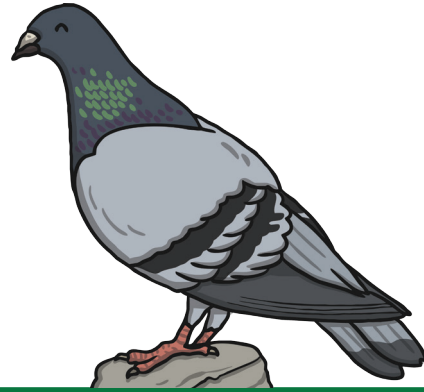


At 11 a.m. on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, the armistice was signed. Finally, the fighting was over.

Did You Know...?

There were no mobile phones or chat apps one hundred years ago. Armies used lots of different ways to communicate. For example, they used:

- dogs
- flags
- lamps
- homing pigeons



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