

### VE Day Activity 2 – Response to pictures

On VE Day, people held big celebrations across Britain such as parades or street parties. The largest crowds were in London with one crowd reaching up to 50,000 people celebrating into the night. Huge crowds also gathered outside Buckingham Palace where the King and Queen, their daughters and the Prime Minister appeared on the balcony to greet everyone.

#### **Activity**

Look closely at the picture and now imagine you are in it. Describe all of the sounds you can hear and things you can see. Be descriptive!



This image was taken on VE Day - two small girls waving their flags in the rubble of Battersea, London. Homes, building and streets had been damaged across the UK during the war. Everyone had worked hard to end the war but there was still a lot more work to do – the country needed to be rebuilt.

#### **Activity**

Complete thought bubbles to show what the two little girls might have been thinking and feeling on VE Day.

# Homes, buildings and streets were damaged

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What might they be thinking or feeling?

What do you notice in the background of this picture?

Many people had street parties to celebrate VE day and made party food to share even though the war had made it difficult to get some foods.

Activities: Answer the questions from around the pictures.

Imagine you are one of the children in the picture. Write a diary entry for that day explaining what happened and why, and how you were feeling.

## VE Day - a time for celebration in 1945...

How do you think the people in this picture were feeling?



What were they celebrating?

Who is missing from the picture?