

Recap of lesson 1

To recap the sequence of events that led to WWII copy and past the link into your browser and watch the video.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-the-outbreak-of-world-war-2/z7d847h>



BBC Teach Class Clips, History KS2: Britain declares war on Germany

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

WALT to understand how the actions of Hitler threatened European peace

S2S: I can

- explain why the Prime Minister took the decision to go to war



# Britain at War

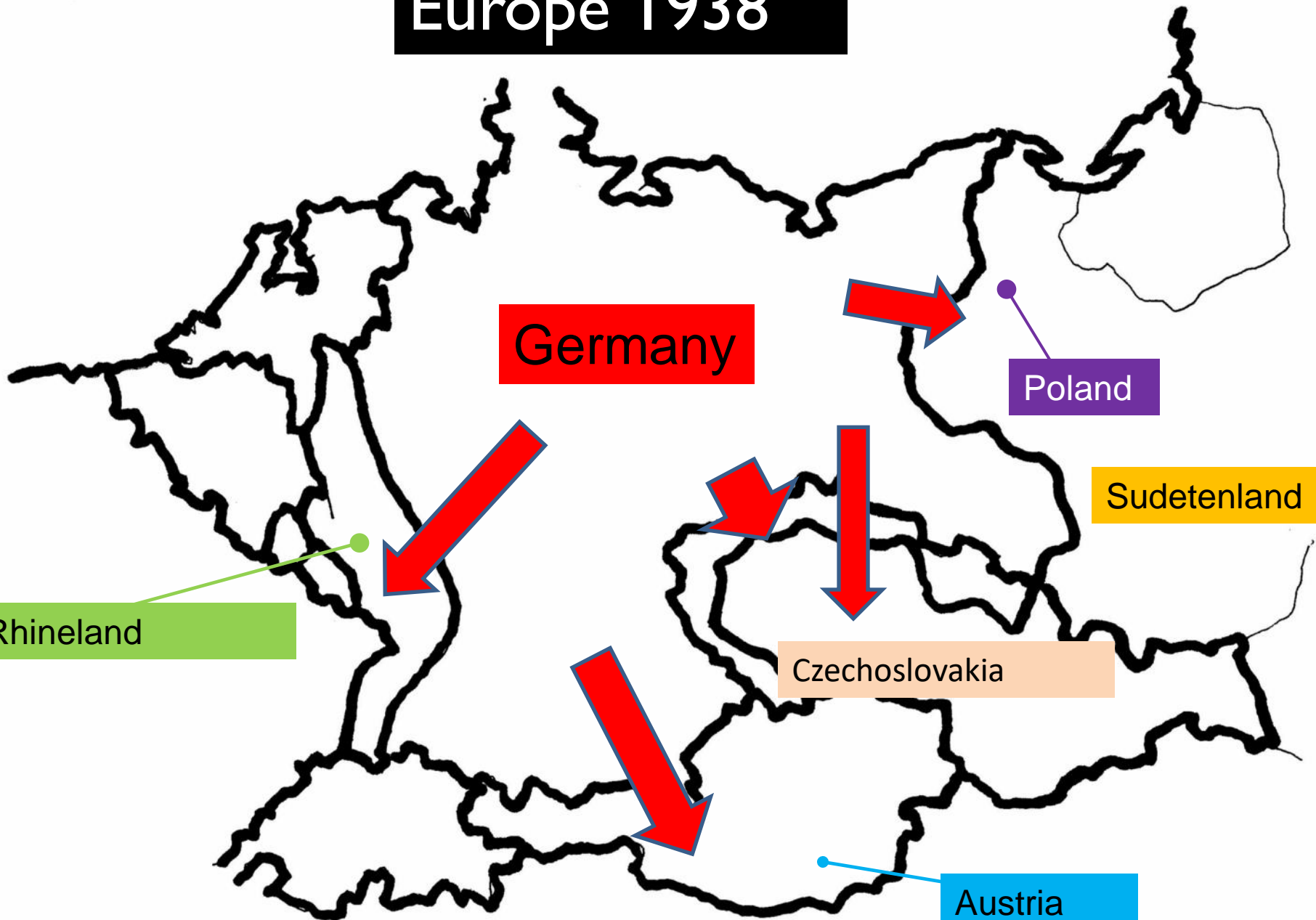
## Key question 1

- If the First World War was so horrific, why did Britain go to war again just 20 years later?

We know the sequence of events.

Today we are going to look more closely at the actions of Britain, under the then Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain.

# Europe 1938



# Appeasement

*Appease means letting someone have their way.*

It was the way the British government dealt with Hitler's Germany before the Second World War.

It is mostly associated with the British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

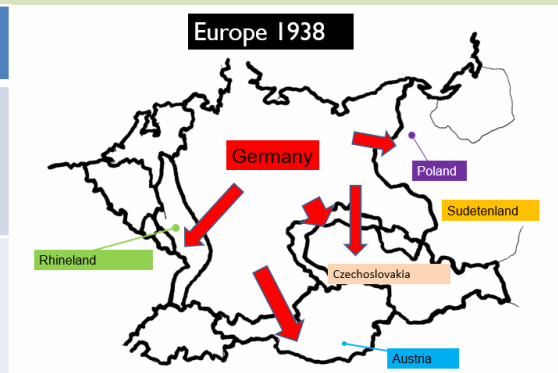
Hitler was allowed to take over areas of land in Europe, without a fight, in the hope that he would stop making any further demands.

**Britain allowed Hitler to have his way.**

# Was appeasement the right choice?

Appeasement: Britain allowed Hitler to have his way.

For appeasement	Against appeasement
Britain was not ready for the war and needed time to build new aeroplanes and strengthen it's army.	Perhaps, appeasement encouraged Hitler to make more demands.
The British public was strongly against another war. They had terrible memories of World War I.	Appeasement gave Germany time to build their weapons and armed forces.
Chamberlain still trusted Hitler to keep his word and thought he could negotiate a peaceful solution	Appeasement didn't actually stop the war. It just delayed it and may have encouraged Hitler to be more aggressive.
Britain was still recovering from the Great Depression which followed the Wall Street Crash in 1929 and could not afford a war	It was obvious Hitler wasn't going to be stopped. Hitler had shown his true intentions when he reoccupied the Rhineland, marched into Austria and threatened to go to war to separate Sudetenland from Czechoslovakia.
Chamberlain thought that the Germans had been too harshly treated after the First World War and deserved to get land back.	



## ACTIVITY 1

Are you for  
appeasement?  
Are you against  
appeasement?  
Are you both for and  
against?

Write down what you  
think and explain why.

# Neville Chamberlain's War Speech

*Appease me their way.*

It was the deal with Hitler's Germany. World War. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain dealt with Hitler was in Europe, without a fight, in the hope that he would stop making any further demands. Britain allowed Hitler to have his way.



Statement by the Prime Minister, BBC Home Service, Sunday 3 September 1939, 11:15

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## Activity 2

Listen to Chamberlain's speech.

Then write your own announcement informing the country that Britain is at war.

Your announcement should be at least **two minutes** long.  
(normal reading speed!)

## Challenge!

- Record your voice
- Use the same British accent as the Prime Minister. This is also known as the Queen's English and BBC English



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### ***Reflection***

Explain to someone, even to your cuddly toy why the Prime Minister took the decision to go to war.