



# Britain at War

## Key question

Just how happy were evacuees?

## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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S2S: I can

- describe their contrasting experience of evacuees

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**Interviews with a host family child**

A young boy from a host family describes his experiences

- Explain the term 'host family'.
- What happened when evacuees arrived in the countryside?
- What sorts of children were chosen first?
- Explain why evacuation was just as disruptive for the host families as it was for evacuees.



**Host families interviewed**

A host family describes the experience of receiving evacuees.

- Describe the host family's experience of receiving evacuees.
- What did evacuees get to experience in the countryside?
- Was life easier for evacuees in the countryside? Explain.

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**Children evacuated abroad**

Children evacuated to Canada speak to their parents in the UK via radio link-up.

- Name some of the countries children were evacuated to.
- Why were evacuees sent abroad?

# Activity - Meet the evacuees

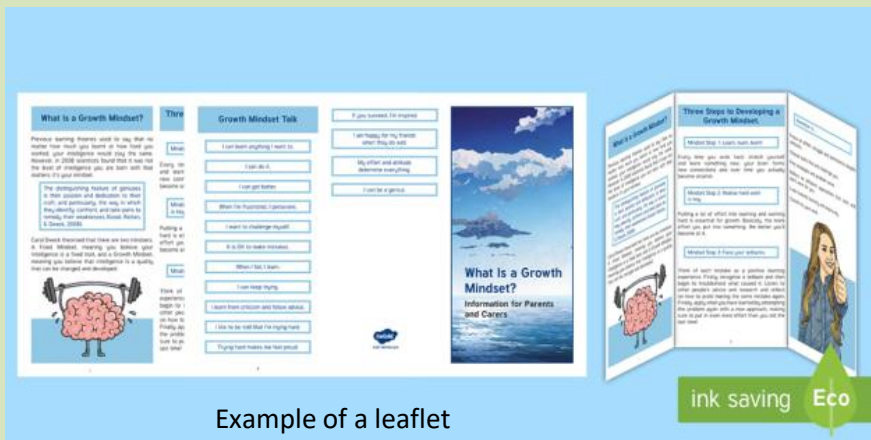
Create a leaflet on evacuation for school children, who are going to be evacuated. Use the information that you have found out today about evacuees.

You need to think about two points:

- accurate historical content
- presentation



Example of a leaflet



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