

The War is Ending!

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Yesterday, it was announced that Germany had surrendered. General Alfred Jodl signed the document of surrender on behalf of Germany. After nearly six years of fighting, the war is coming to an end.

Germany's surrender was not a surprise and Great Britain has been on standby for this announcement for some time. The news was announced to the people of our proud nation on the radio late yesterday evening. Cheers could be heard coming from houses up and down the land as the news was delivered.

Many people were out celebrating last night. Men and women across the land enjoyed themselves in drinking establishments. Jubilant groups sang and danced in the streets to rejoice in the news. Tim Budd, a local warden said, "This is such fantastic news. I cannot wait for my sons to return home from the frontline and celebrate with them too."

Street parties are being planned in villages, towns and cities across Britain to continue the celebrations today as a national holiday has been declared. Bunting and flags have been hung ready to celebrate Great Britain's triumph!

1. Who wrote this newspaper article?

2. Who signed the document of surrender for Germany?

3. What did 'jubilant groups' do?

4. Name two things that were hung up to celebrate?

_____ and _____

5. When did the Germans surrender?

6. '*...rejoice in the news.*'

What does the word 'rejoice' mean?

7. Find and copy a word that means *news*.

8. '*Germany's surrender was not a surprise...*'

What do you think this phrase means?

9. *'Cheers could be heard coming from houses ...'*

Why do you think the people were cheering?

10. Where are Tim Budd's sons?

Use information from the text to help explain your answer.

11. This text is a newspaper recount.

Write down some examples of features that you can see that show it is a newspaper recount
