# The Battle of Britain and The Blitz

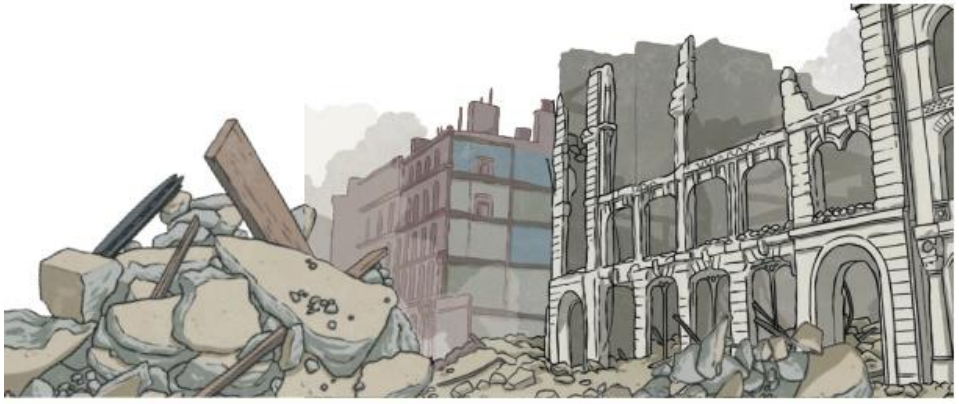
**The Battle of Britain**

This event began on the 10th July, 1940 when British ships in the English Channel were bombed by the German Luftwaffe. Mass bombing of airfields, harbours, radar stations and aircraft factories began in August 1940.

**The Blitz**

(The word 'Blitz' comes from the German term Blitzkrieg which means 'lightning war'.)

This event began on the 7th September, 1940 when the Luftwaffe turned their attention to the bombing of London and other cities, rather than the military targets they had previously focused on. London was bombed for fifty-seven consecutive nights and suffered extensive damage and the loss of thousands of civilian lives.



# Quick Questions



1. Where did the Luftwaffe come from?

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2. Find and copy two words that mean the same as 'a large amount'.

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3. Why do you think The Blitz was so named?

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4. Summarise the main points about The Blitz in 20 words or less.

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