

The Diary of George Bramwell Answers

1. What does the phrase 'dog fight' mean?

'Dog fights' were the nickname given to close range fighter jet battles during the war.

2. **Compare** how the two characters, George (the narrator) and Emmie react differently to the broadcast?

George thought that the broadcast sounded 'brilliant' and cheered along as the reporter discussed the bombings. Emmie reacted in the complete opposite way and began to cry as she realised that the bombing meant the loss of life.

3. *'Sometimes it feels like this war is just a big game but I suppose if we were the players it wouldn't be so entertaining.'*

Explain George's mixed feelings when he wrote this sentence in his diary.

George was feeling very confused as he felt guilty for getting excited at the broadcast earlier in the night and cheering along to it as though it were a football match. He had now realised that if he were a fighter pilot (a player) then he would probably not find these sorts of battles so appealing.

4. **Find and copy** the word that was used in the 1940s for 'radio'.
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