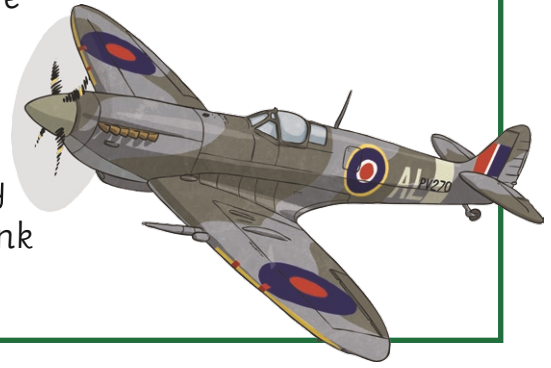


The Second World War Diary of George Bramwell, aged 14

I'm feeling really confused tonight. We listened to another broadcast yesterday by Charles Gardner who was describing a dog fight near Dover. I thought it sounded brilliant; we could hear the bombing going on in the background as Gardner described what was happening and I couldn't help but cheer along with him as he reported what he could see '...and there he goes. Smash!' A lot of people have been complaining about it though. Elsie said Emmie was crying and shouting, 'It's not a football match!' at the wireless. I know people are losing their lives but it is hard not to get caught up in all the excitement too. Sometimes it feels like this war is all just a big game but I suppose if we were the players it wouldn't be so entertaining. I feel very guilty now for enjoying listening to the broadcast. I don't think I'll be able to sleep tonight.



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



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



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.



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