Answers

1. Which country surrendered in 1945? Tick one.

   ○ Britain
   ⊘ **Germany**
   ○ France
   ○ Russia

2. What day is VE Day celebrated in New Zealand? Tick one.

   ○ 2nd September
   ○ 8th May
   ⊘ **9th May**
   ○ 15th August

3. How was the first Victory in Europe day announced?
   A news bulletin interrupted regular programmes to make the announcement.

4. Read the section titled **Winston Churchill's Address**.
   Find and copy a word that means the same as 'on-the-spot'.

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5. How did people celebrate on the first VE Day? Write **two** ways.

   Accept any of the following: church services, street parties, parades, dancing until late, dancing in the street, sharing food, fireworks and bonfires.

6. Why do you think people were expecting Germany to surrender?

   Pupils' own responses, such as: I think people were expecting Germany to surrender because they had lost their leader and their army was weak.

7. What do you think 'VJ Day' is short for? Explain your reasoning.

   Pupils' own responses, such as: I think VJ Day is short for Victory in Japan Day, because it marks the end of the conflict in Japan, just like VE Day marks the end of the conflict in Europe.

8. Summarise what life was like after VE Day.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: Life was difficult after VE Day, even though the war was over in Europe. There was fighting still going on in Japan and many people were still upset about the loss of their family and friends in the war.

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