

# The Blitz Facts

The Blitz is the name used to describe the heavy bombing of London and other British cities during WW2, but how much do you know about the Blitz? Make a fan book by cutting out each of the pages below and fastening them together with a split pin. You can choose to stick the page templates to card to make them more durable. Paste the picture of the Stuka plane to the top page and then choose some of the facts from the list to stick into your book. If you prefer, write the facts in yourself or find new facts through your own research.

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The Blitz was an attack on London by German bombers. It began on 7th September, 1940 and ended in May, 1941.

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At one point during the Blitz, London was bombed for 57 nights in a row.

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The word 'Blitz' comes from the German word blitzkrieg, meaning 'lightning war'.

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The people of Britain expected the German air raids so the government did things to prepare. For example, everyone was given a gas mask to protect against any poisonous gasses that may have been contained by the bombs.

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- ☐ The first air raid was carried out in daylight on the 7th of September, 1940. Over 350 German bombers filled the skies over London. These bombers were protected by about 650 fighter planes. This first day of the Blitz was called Black Saturday as 448 people were killed.

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- ☐ It is estimated that more than 30,000 people were killed during the Blitz, and many more were injured.

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- ☐ About 60% of London's buildings were damaged or destroyed during the Blitz.

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- ☐ While the Blitz was happening, people had to sleep in tube stations - some even slept on the train tracks.

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- ☐ People were warned of a likely air raid by loud sirens; these were positioned in different parts of the towns and cities to make sure everyone could hear the warnings.

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- ☐ Other cities as well as London were bombed including, Swansea, Bristol, Birmingham, Liverpool and Coventry.

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