

# Information Report

## How the Pigeon stopped the war

Listen carefully and let's learn  
how to document the facts.



**Introducing**  
**Gavin**  
**McCormack**

**Hello and welcome to everyone!! We  
have children from all over the world  
and we are very happy to have you  
here today!!**



# Today's Plan

- **Keywords**
- **Information**
- **Reports**
- **Historical Story**
- **Quiz**
- **Answer**
- **Extension activity**



# Taking Notes



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Information Report



pigeon

When did the story take place?

Where was it set?

What was the problem?

How was the problem solved?



# Pigeons

## Did you know?

- Pigeons can find their way home from 1700km away.
- Pigeons can tell when there is a storm coming long before humans.
- Pigeons can recognise themselves in the mirror.
- Pigeons helped to end World War 2.
- It's very hard to spot a baby pigeon.
- People race pigeons as a sport!

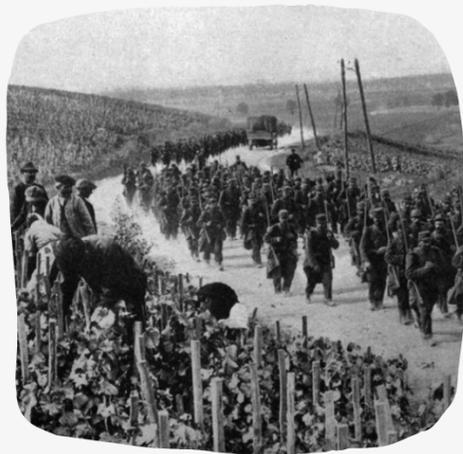


**How the  
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stopped the  
war!**



# Welcome to 1945

There was a war going on around the world, especially in Europe. Everybody wanted it to end! It was spreading to all countries. It was called WW2.





# The Problem

**The British army was trying to get to Germany to stop the war, but hidden in the forests in Belgium, there was a big gun that would not let the aeroplanes pass by.**

**The pilots were too scared to fly because of the danger.**



If only they knew where the gun was hidden!

It could be anywhere?

A.



B.



C.



D.





The plan



# Pigeons

Pigeons know how to find their way home. So lots of pigeons were taken from England to Belgium and parachuted down onto the ground in special baskets.





Hello, thank you for finding me. My name is Harry and I am a carrier pigeon. Please take the map out of my backpack and draw an X exactly where the gun is hidden so that we can avoid it and end WW2. Then set me free please!!

# The pigeon had three special things inside the basket

People who lived in Belgium found the pigeons after they had parachuted down to earth and discovered that the pigeon was wearing a small backpack with special things inside.



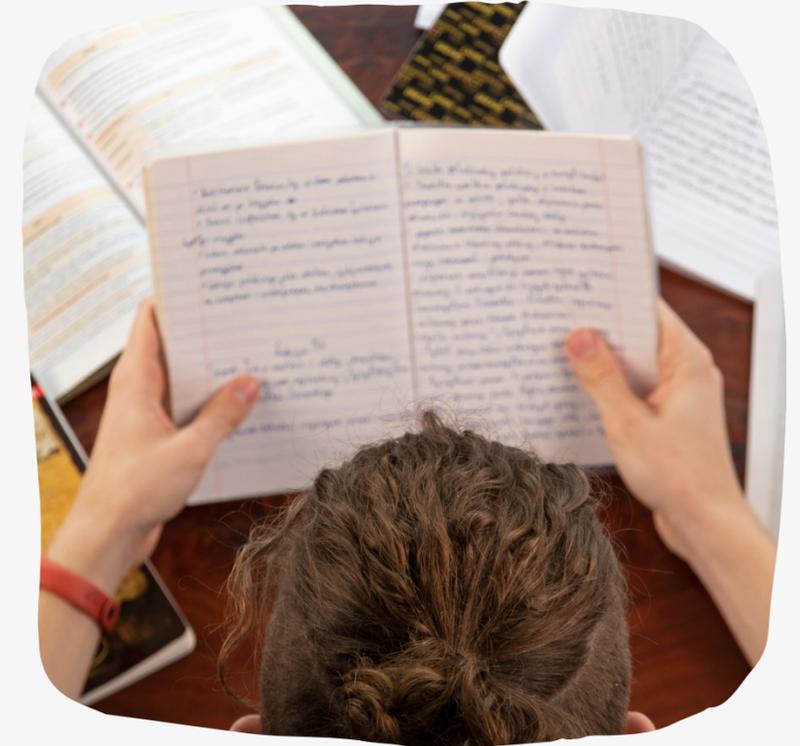
The people who found the Pigeons read the note and followed the instructions carefully.

They knew that this might just work!

A.



B.



C.



D.



# The Pigeon knew its way home!

**When the pigeons arrived in England carrying the maps, the British Planes knew exactly where the guns were hidden and were able to avoid the area!**





# In 1945 - the war was over!

**In 1945 the war was over and it was  
all thanks to the amazing  
navigational skills of the pigeon.**

**The pigeon was a hero. So the next  
time you see a pigeon in the street,  
you may want to say 'Thank You!'**

# Quiz

Try to answer the following questions:

1. In which continent was the war taking place?
2. In which country was the gun hidden?
3. What three things did the pigeon carry in its backpack?
4. In what year did the war end?

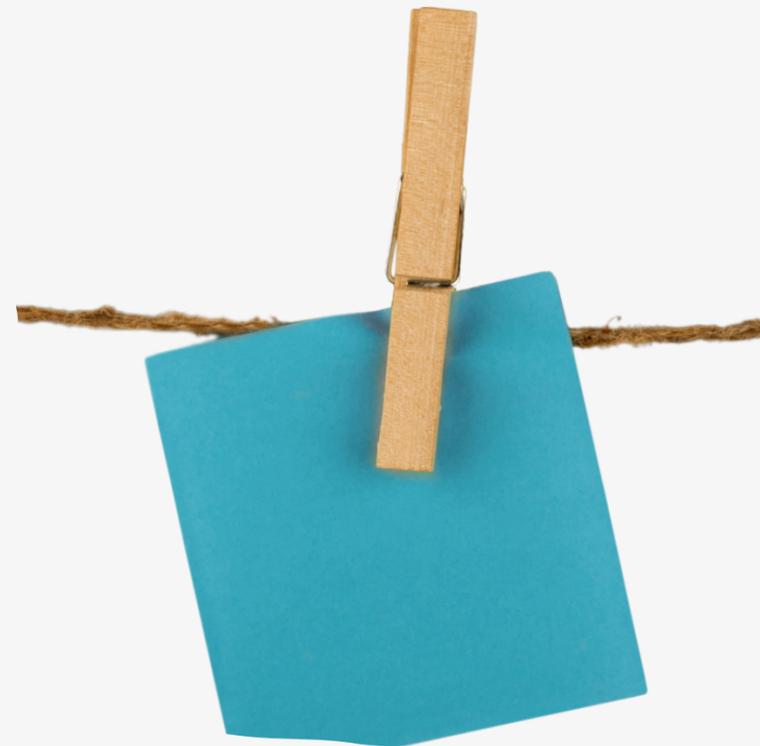
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# Your Task

To turn this story into a detailed information report!



**EXAMPLE**

## KOALAS

Koalas are one of Australia's most iconic animals. They are nocturnal marsupials who sleep for up to 20 hours a day.

**Habitat**

Koalas are unique to Australia. They can be found in Eastern Australia, including Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. They live in tall, eucalypts forests.

**Appearance**

Koalas measure between 60cm and 85cm and weigh around 14kg. They have large, round heads with big fluffy ears and black noses. Their fur is grey-brown and white.



**Diet**

Koalas are fussy animals and eat the leaves of only some of the 700 different eucalypts varieties. Adult koalas eat between 0.5 to 1kg of leaves every night. They also need to drink water.

**Interesting fact**

Koala populations are declining. They are losing their homes to excessive tree clearing, forcing them to spend more time on the ground where they become vulnerable to predators and cars.