

Starter -

Where are the apostrophes missing in these sentences?

Ive not got time to do my homework.

Shouldnt you be in bed?

I didnt know thats where Darwin was born.

I cant believe shes 11 years old!

WALT draw on reading and research
to help plan our ideas

In your books, answer these questions.

1. How old do you think the suitcase is?
2. Who do you think the suitcase belongs to?
3. What do you think it is to be used for?
4. What do the contents tell us about the owner of the case
5. What else might the owner want to pack in the case?



The Suitcase



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The suitcase belongs to a child, who was evacuated during World War II.

It contains clothing items, a ration book, identity card and food for the journey. Many children took other personal items like a teddy bear, a toy or comics.

Some poorer children could not afford a suitcase so they carried their belongings in a haversack or tied them up in jute instead. Some very poor children did not take any personal belongings at all.

MOTHERS let them go- give them a chance of greater safety and health



MINISTRY OF HEALTH EVACUATION SCHEME

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During World War II, many people were evacuated from the cities to the countryside where it was believed they would be safer from bombing. In total, over 3.5 million children were evacuated.

Mostly children were evacuated but other evacuees included mothers with very young children, pregnant women, disabled people, teachers and helpers to look after the children.

Evacuation happened in distinct waves with the first wave of evacuations beginning on the 1st September, 1939, which was two days before Britain officially declared war on Germany. Other waves occurred at the start of the Battle of Britain in June 1940 and at the start of the Blitz in September 1940.

On evacuation day, children travelled with their teacher or helper by train to their destination.

All children had to wear an identity label and take their gas mask, ration book, identity card and food for the journey. Many children also took a suitcase containing clothes and personal items.

When they reached their destination, billeting officers were responsible for arranging for children to stay with host families. For many children this involved being selected out a line by their host. This was an upsetting experience for some children who felt unwanted or rejected.

At the start of the war, to many people in Britain, it seemed that not much was happening. As a result, some parents decided to bring their children home again.

Some children were evacuated overseas and lived with host families in places as far away as Australia and Canada.

Over the next few weeks, we are going to be writing an informal letter home from an evacuee during WW2.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-an-evacuees-adventure/zk7hy9q>



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Have a look at the following pictures.

Use speech / thought bubbles to
imagine what the people in these
pictures are saying and thinking
about.



